

1500 TENN. UNIONISTS MARCH TO CAPITOL

United Labor Fights Open-Shop Bill

9 NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 13.—Nearly 1,500 unionists marched four abreast on the old Graystone Tennessee Capitol today, and into the General Assembly chamber, and demanded that the legislature vote down a bill to outlaw the closed shop in the state.

Behind a banner reading, "Opposed to the Open Shop," AFL, CIO and railroad unions were represented. The laborites formed up in the main part of Nashville and marched three blocks to Capitol Hill. They had gathered from small sections of the state for today's public hearing on the anti-closed shop bill.

They filed past the Governor's first floor office, and went upstairs to the Assembly room where the two houses were in joint ses-

sion. They packed the gallery to overflowing and sent their spokesmen forward to denounce the proposed law.

Robert A. Tillman, member of the AFL Typographical Union and former member of the General Assembly from Shelby County, made the keynote speech, asserting that the bill struck not only at the unions "but at the right of an employer to employ whom he pleases."

Whites and Negroes marched together in the labor parade and all wore lapel buttons proclaiming they were union men.

The Assembly already has passed, with slight opposition, acts denying unemployment compensation to strikers, and making unions subject to court action.

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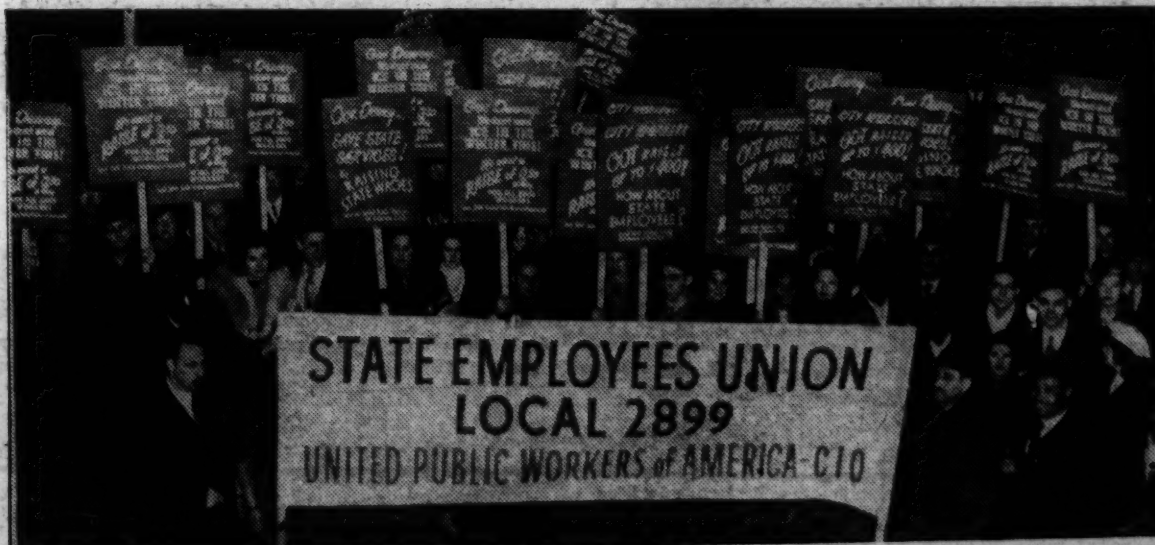
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A DATE WITH DEWEY:

State employes at Grand Central on way to Albany for wage hearings.
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Rent Rise Means Strikes, Green Warns

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WORLD EVENTS

I. Canadians Suspicious of U. S. Arms Accord

Canadians are not very happy about the military agreement with the U.S. So reported Charles Sims, public relations director of Canada's Labor Progressive Party in a telephone conversation with the Daily Worker yesterday. Sims, who is an alderman in

Toronto, said that "the plan for co-ordination of American and Canadian military enterprises in the Arctic verifies the long-held and widespread suspicions in the Dominions."

Last summer's Musk-Ox expedition into the Canadian Arctic and the building of a base at Churchill, on Canada's Hudson Bay, made Canadians wonder what was up, the Labor Progressive spokesman declared.

Now it's clear that all this "mov-

ing-in" by U. S. military authorities in Canada were part of the military agreement, or what is called in Canada—the "pactless plan."

CANADIAN MISGIVINGS

The Labor-Progressive Party, said Sims, "considers that the Canadian people will look with grave suspicions and misgivings at this agreement."

"The average Canadian does not

believe that fascist aggression will ever again be resurrected in Germany and Japan, or that America will ever be faced by invasion of

fascist hordes across the North Pole."

Then why, all this super-agreement stuff? the average Canadian asks.

It is felt that while this agreement is ostensibly directed against the Soviet Union, the pact also opens

Canada up to U. S. pressure and penetration.

"Canadians are not willing that their country become an atom bomb base in a Vandenberg-Dulles war against democracy for the glory and profit of Wall Street moguls," Alderman Sims concluded.

2. Mining Trust Gets Bases, Too

By Tom Carlson

TORONTO, Feb. 13 (ALN).—M. A. Hanna Co., giant American steel and mining enterprise, has staked a claim to a substantial slice of Canadian territory, considered one of the richest mineral areas in the world, for less than the yearly rental on a small office building.

The area—called Ungava, in Quebec's northland—is equivalent to a 10-mile wide stretch from New York to Pittsburgh, and promises to be one of the most lucrative of American big business' worldwide outposts.

The deal was swung between Hanna, its Canadian associate, the Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd., and Quebec Premier Maurice Duplessis.

Duplessis reportedly forced it through over the objections of some

of his 21 government advisers, who were not let in on the scheme until the negotiations were practically completed.

The territory involved contains about one billion tons of high grade iron ore and a potential of over one million horsepower. A yearly fee of \$100,000 plus a 7 percent fee on the profits gives it to Hanna.

Ungava, and an adjoining area in Labrador which has been thrown in for good measure, is worth about \$7,500,000,000 for its iron ore alone at the current rate of \$7 to \$8 per gross ton.



Path of Empire: The course of combined U.S.-Canada "Operation Musk-Ox" shows how Canada's Polar fastnesses are drawn into U.S. sphere of power.

3. Pact Swings Canada Into U. S. Power Sphere

The U.S.-Canada peacetime military pact puts an iron seal on the surrender of Canada to American imperialist domination. Innocently broadcast Wednesday as a permanent "defense" and "security" agreement, it rounds out the power of an American mili-

tary clique over this hemisphere, from the North Pole to at least the Argentine border.

Frantic assurances by Canadian Prime Minister MacKenzie King that "Canadian sovereignty" is unimpaired, and that no "cession of bases" is involved, evoke smiles in Washington.

Writes James Reston, New York Times Washington correspondent with access to this country's highest policy-makers:

"In Ottawa today Prime Minister King properly denied that the United States had asked for bases in the north of his country."

"What he did not say, however, was that the possibility that the United States might build such bases and help staff the majority with the Canadians (without any loss of Canadian sovereignty) was very much under discussion last summer."

(Which was very much denied last summer and has been denied repeatedly up to announcement of the pact.)

Reston continues with the admission that the pact, in effect achieves all the purposes the generals had in mind, but avoids public discussion. Its informal aspect also ducks the Constitutional requirement for Senate approval of treaties. And finally, the pact was initiated, or verbally completed, in great haste because the American people are demanding cuts in the military budget.

"In this campaign to rush through the agreement," writes Reston in one of those damaging admissions constantly buried in the columns of the Times, "there is reason for believing that the real motive is not fear of any Soviet attack on North America."

The real reason cynically "leaked" to Reston and revealed by him, is the "fear on the part of our generals that if the agreement were not reached quickly last summer, a considerable sum of money available to the War Department during the last fiscal year would not be available later."

This fear has not lessened. "The talk now is of reducing taxes and

cutting the budget, and in this atmosphere even military appropriations do not come easy."

All this explains only the sudden public announcement. But the content of the pact is not to be found in the pact itself. The pact means—and this is reflected in the alarm of the Canadian people expressed in Canadian dispatches—

1. That Canada has passed into the American sphere of influence.

2. That its sovereignty risks becoming a myth; it is subject to the danger of unlimited exploitation by American banker-industrialists-militarists despite its nominal place in the British Empire.

3. That the American people will have to pay in dollars, in military services, and in surrender of domestic liberties for a program of Big Fist imperialist expansion.

The real game is nowhere better described than by another Times correspondent, John MacCormac, in a 1940 book pleading for a deal with Great Britain to assure United States global power. The very title of the book tells all: "America and World Mastery."

"Every day makes it more cer-

Here's how the Big Money press handled the meaningful story of the Canada-U.S. peacetime militarization pact:

Afternoon papers, Wednesday, used only news agency stories accepting the "defense," "security," coverup for the real meaning of the pact.

Times: fair front page story with inside "background" stories profusely justifying the pact yet hinting at its aggressive military character.

Trib.: page one but one column and buried—"security, defense" stuff.

Mirror: Nothing.

News: two stickfuls page six; innocent, harmless pact.

PM, Thursday: used news agency stories—UP from Washington; AP from Ottawa. No comment.

tain," writes MacCormac—at present "impartially" reporting Central Europe for the Times—"that the United States must not only put herself at the head of the English-speaking people to win this war of which a free world is the prize but that, after having won the world, the United States must be prepared to run it."

Noting that the ugly British imperialism is growing weak, MacCormac said we must grow strong.

"As England's grasp on world power relaxes that of the United States must tighten. As English dominion shrinks, American dominion must expand, and where England's dominance ends, American coercion must begin."

Where does Canada figure in this plan of American Big Business "coercion"? MacCormac said American imperialism has already answered that by acquiring Canada-Newfoundland-Greenland bases in this hemisphere and a chain of bases across both oceans.

"The United States, by means of Lease-Lend aid, is already buying on installments the kind of post-war world it wants. If imperialism is 'the extension of the control, dominion, or empire of a nation'—and that is how Webster defines it—the United States has been practicing it on a very respectable scale since this war began."

Though the United States twice fought wars with Britain without acquiring Canadian territory:

"Now, in acquiring an air base, a naval base and a site for a military defense force on Newfoundland, the United States had obtained a strategic position which effectively, completely and permanently 'contains' Canada. For Canada is a long bottle of which the St. Lawrence River is the neck, and Newfoundland is the cork in the neck of that bottle. . . . In securing a base on Newfoundland . . . the United States not only secured a potential stranglehold on Canada but a sub-

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U.S., Britain Nix Demand to Curb Austria Atom Study

American and British Foreign Ministers Deputies yesterday opposed Soviet and French demands that Austria be forbidden to engage in any atomic and germ research which could be used to develop weapons.

Gen. Mark Clark, U. S. representative at the London meeting, also objected to Soviet proposals that the treaty forbid Austria to engage in any pan-Germanic or anti-UN propaganda and call on Austria to eliminate "remnants of the fascist regime."

At the Security Council in Lake Success, N. Y., American representative Warren Austin secured passage 10-0, with Soviet delegate Andrei Gromyko abstaining, of an overall resolution setting up an 11-nation disarmament commission. The commission is pointedly barred from consideration of the atomic bomb and all other weapons of mass destruction—which are left to the Atomic Energy Commission.

ORDER PROGRESS REPORT

The Security Council also instructed the Big Five to make a progress report by April 30 on their efforts to establish the basic principles for a proposed UN police force.

Gromyko announced he would present a statement on atomic energy at the Council's meeting this afternoon.

He told newsmen that "we are going to do our best to assure the success of the new commission."

The final action, he said, was

"good and helpful." He added that what he disliked "is the center of gravity of the resolution being on the relationship between the two (disarmament and atomic) commissions."

"It will be harmful if the question of relationship should become a major factor," he said. "We should try to avoid this."



WORLD BRIEFS

BARBED WIRE separated Jerusalem, Jaffa and Haifa into zones and virtually military law was enforced to keep the population hemmed into them. British troops began taking over headquarters of the Jewish National Fund and requisitioned 100 more houses.

STREET LIGHTS went out all over Britain. Prime Minister Attlee told Commons the fuel situation has improved slightly but is still critical.

POLICE PROVOCATION was seen in the alleged "discovery" in the headquarters of the South Korea Labor Party of a letter purportedly from a Russian "education officer." United Press said the letter "ordered" Korean Communists to foment uprisings.

CHILE'S five Radical cabinet members resigned because Liberal senators voted down the Radical and the Communist nominated to attend the inauguration on March 1 of President-elect Tomas Berrera in Uruguay. The cabinet is a Radical-Liberal-Communist coalition.

Cold Tries to Finish St. Patrick's Job

DUBLIN, Eire, Feb. 13.—The peat and coal shortage became so critical in Eire today that steam heat to the Dublin zoological gardens was shut off and the snakes started to freeze.

LABOR and the NATION

House Body Spurs Boss Testimony

By Fred Vast

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. — Employer testimony continued to dominate hearings of the House Labor Committee today as Congressmen encouraged witnesses to slam labor.

Strategy of the committee appears to be a systematic building up of anti-union stories, preferably involving tales of "violence and intimidation," in an effort to buttress justification for labor-smashing laws.

Aside from testimony by members of the CIO American Newspaper Guild on the Philadelphia Record strike, the group has not heard any union witnesses to refute employer versions of local situations.

Guild members gained the witness stand only after they insisted on a chance to present labor's side when they learned publisher David Stern had been invited to testify.

Chairman Fred Hartley (R-NJ) took pains during the hearings to make it clear the laborites had not been summoned but were appearing at their own request.

His remarks followed a statement by one of the witnesses who said he had been "summoned" when one Congressman wanted to know why he appeared before the committee. The legislator was peeved because no changes in existing labor laws were being considered.

Hartley plans a series of investigations and hearings of disputes, apparently along lines of the current meetings.

Today's session featured new demands from employers for restrictive laws outlawing mass picketing, the closed shop, industry-wide bargaining and similar action.

Picketing was freely described by Edgar Ailes of the Detroit Steel Products Co. as mob rule, intimidation and hoodlumism. Ailes was particularly disturbed because strikers had picketed his home.

Asked by Rep. Clare Hoffman (R-Mich) what would happen if Congress doesn't stop mass picketing, Ailes replied:

"There will be lots of trouble and bloodshed."

Questioning by other committee members was in a similar vein as witnesses willingly supplied epithets against labor and additional demands for anti-labor laws.

Valentine for Dewey

By Alan Max

In case you doubt the people's love and admiration, Just look out your window upon another mass delegation.

Tenants' Mail Now Ahead of Landlords'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Mail from tenants opposing changes in rent control has spurred ahead and now outweighs landlord pleas for an increase, it was learned today.

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee, which is considering legislation on rent, is receiving large stacks of letters daily on the issue.

Although the voice of the people is making itself felt, committee officials report there is still a steady stream of letters and phone calls from landlords. Two weeks ago pleas from the real estate lobby dominated the picture.

Franco Booster Rants to Help Secessionists

Special to the Daily Worker

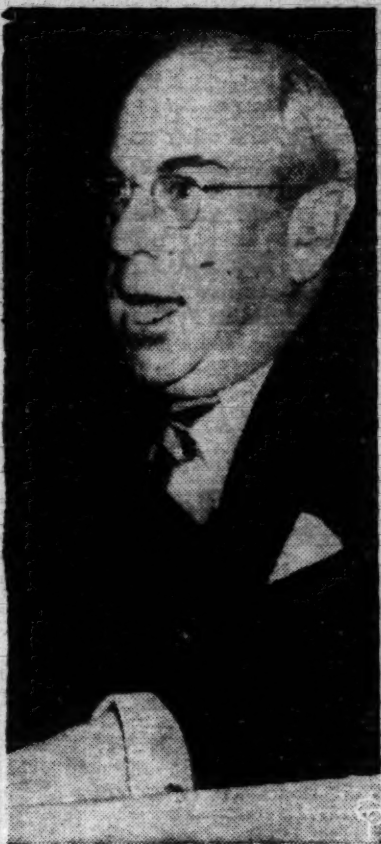
WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 13.—The Rev. Edward Lodge Curran, the "Father Coughlin of the East," was brought here tonight for an "anti-communism" meeting to bolster the secessionists in the CIO Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

Curran, president of the Catholic Truth Society, noted for his campaign in behalf of Franco Spain and fascist elements in the United States, was built up in headlines of the local press.

The Veterans' Committee, Communist Party of Waterbury, distributed a leaflet outside the meeting which gave the fascist timetable as follows:

"First step: anti-communism. Second step: anti-Semitism, Jim-crow. Third step: anti-liberal, anti-labor. Destination: KKK, persecution of Catholics, dictatorship, destruction."

The local officials, who pulled a "coup" with secession votes—at meetings with less than 10 percent of the members attending—are banking on keeping the "red scare" boiling. The supporters of the IUMMSW and international Reid Robinson are making rapid headway as they stress the need of unity and loyalty to win wage increases.



EARL F. REED, attorney, told the Senate Labor Committee he wanted the Wagner Act revised to permit recognition of "independent" company unions. He was one of a steady parade of tory witnesses yelping for labor-shackling legislation.

TRUMAN BELATEDLY BACKS LILIENTHAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Truman tonight rallied—apparently too late—to the defense of David E. Lilienthal, his nominee to head the Atomic Energy Commission. In a press conference, Truman said he would not withdraw the appointment.

But earlier in the day Republican

leaders formally announced their opposition, making rejection a virtual certainty.

Headed by Senate Republican leader Wallace White (Me), they centered their attack on Lilienthal's outspoken views in favor of public ownership of utilities, expressed when he headed TVA.

CHARGE: NEW DEAL-ISM

White ignored the red-baiting that has featured the one-man campaign by Sen. McKellar, patronage-deprived Tennessee Democrat, to stand on traditional GOP ground.

AFL Head Warns Rent Boost May Bring Recession

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—A rent increase will provoke a new wave of strikes, widespread evictions, "and may easily precipitate a general recession," AFL president William Green warned Congress today.

Green said a boost of 10 to 15 percent would raise living costs two to five percent and lead to demands for higher wages.

"Such a sharp rise in living costs would have an extremely disturbing effect on wages and present a real threat to industrial peace," the AFL chief said in a letter to the Senate Banking & Currency Committee.

Noting that rent takes between 20 and 25 per cent of the average worker's pay, Green said a general increase would cut deeply into consumers' buying power.

"The impact of such an increase in rents would be promptly felt by every corner storekeeper whose sales will fall off and a recession may follow," Green advised.

He called attention to government surveys of small rental structures between 1939 and June 1946, whose net income rose 42 percent. Apartment house profits went up 26.7 per cent. Other figures reveal that 78 percent of the landlords are in a more profitable position today than in 1939.

Green said there would be no justification for a general increase which would raise the profits of all landlords when relief can be granted the small minority through established hardship procedures.

ASKS EXTENSION

"On behalf of millions of families of American wage earners I plead with you to act favorably to extend the rent control law until June 30, 1948," Green concluded.

A decision on rent legislation probably will not be forthcoming until March 1, according to Sen. Buck (R-Del) chairman of the rent and housing subcommittee of the Senate Banking group. At that time,

Buck predicted, his five-man body will favorably report a 10 to 15 percent hike to the full committee.

Sen. Hawkes (R-NJ), who is sponsoring a 15 per cent increase bill together with four other senators, today asked the Buck group to approve amendments whittling away further at rent control.

One proposal would make eviction procedure subject to state law, another would permit landlords to appeal "hardship" requests to the courts. Increases in local taxes would be an additional basis for getting boosts in addition to the large number of provisions put into effect this month.

Sen. O'Daniel (D-Tex) also appeared before the subcommittee today in behalf of his bill ending all controls on June 30, when the present act expires.

Next week the group will hear Sen. Murray (D-Mont) urge passage of his bill, which is also sponsored by Sen. Wagner (D-NY), providing for extension the present rent control law for another year.

Other senators advocating rent increases or complete decontrol will be heard next week.

Britain to Get Coal From U.S., Truman Says

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—President Truman announced today he was taking steps which he hoped would mean immediate additional coal supplies to blizzard-bound England. A number of U.S. coal-carrying vessels already in European waters will be diverted to British ports, he said.

The President also revealed he had directed Capt. Granville Conway, chief of the Emergency Export program, to determine "how quickly and in what quantity" coal shipped directly from the U.S. can be landed in British ports. He said he understood this would take a minimum of 15 days and shipments therefore might arrive too late to help in the present crisis.

So far the British government has made no request to Washington for aid, Truman said.

Cops Beat Up Peddler, Return to Finish Job

Harold Jones, 44, Negro fruit peddler of 2799 Eighth Ave., was beaten by two unidentified policemen Tuesday night and left unconscious under the 155th Street viaduct.

He was not arrested.

Jones, a stocky man, spoke with great difficulty yesterday when interviewed at his home. His upper plate was broken during the beating. A puffy closed right eye was discharging. He had a deep scalp laceration on the right side of his head; deep mouth cuts inside and on his lips; loosened bottom teeth; bruises on both legs, stomach and back and possible internal injuries.

The beating occurred, Jones told

the Daily Worker, about 11:45 p.m. It was after an argument about a debt with a Negro storekeeper, George Louis, of 2772 Eighth Ave.

After a few angry words, Jones says he walked out of the store with a bag of food. Louis followed and hailed a passing police car.

SLOW, GETS HIT

The cops stopped Jones and brought him back to the little store, where they demanded his draft card.

"I had the bag of groceries and was a little slow getting to my wallet," Jones said. "Before I could get it out the smaller cop hit me in the mouth with his fist."

(At his store, Louis, a short, wiry man with eyeglasses, told the Daily Worker:)

"Sure, the cop hit him. But he was talking back."

The cops then took him from the store, put him into their car and drove to a dark spot under the viaduct seven blocks away.

There they knocked him down, beat him "with their nightsticks and kicked him in the back and stomach. Then they left him doubled up on the ground in pain.

SECOND BEATING

"I finally managed to get up and went back to the store for my wallet," Jones said.

While in the store this time the same cops drove by again and saw

him. They stopped and came in. Jones claimed that one said:

"Here's the s----- again. We'll fix him good this time."

They took him back to the same spot under the viaduct and went to work on Jones in earnest.

"They beat and kicked me again and dared me to holler. Then they started poking me in the stomach with the sticks and I passed out."

When he came to about an hour and a half later they were gone. He staggered home. He was unable to tell his wife, Grace, what had happened until the next morning.

STOREKEEPER RELUCTANT

Louis was reluctant to talk

about the incident yesterday, and said he didn't know the names of the cops.

"I'm sorry he got beat up, and I didn't want him arrested," Louis said. "But the fact is I didn't owe him a penny."

At the 32d Precinct Station, the desk sergeant said it was impossible to determine what car and officers were in that vicinity at that time.

"It couldn't have happened," he scoffed. "We have no record of it here. Why didn't the guy make a complaint?"

"And anyway," he added, "there's more and better places to take a guy and beat him up than the 155th Street viaduct."

NEW YORK

How the 5c Fare Victory Was Won

By Michael Singer

In Mayor O'Dwyer's office, 6,426 letters and telegrams were piled on his desk. They had been pouring in steadily since the transit hearings opened last Monday. The score up to yesterday noon was 98.1 percent against any increase in the fare, 1.9 percent for a higher toll.

These were the people for whom the mayor spoke Wednesday night when he broadcast the city's decision to retain the nickel fare.

The fight to save the fare was never so tense, so close to being lost as it was this time. For months the real estate crowd had been badgering the mayor and the comptroller to raise the fare. The Citizens Transit Committee and the Citizens Budget Commission, with their respective 10 cent strategists, Paul Windels and Col. Harold Riegelman doing the talking, organized the most intensive campaign to boost the ride in city history.

When the new year began, the mayor was almost sold on the 10 cent fare. He practically admitted it at various press conferences and implied publicly that the \$18,500,000 transit pay raise granted last year was an additional subway debt that could be met only by raising the fare.

LANDLORDS HAMMERED AWAY

Even Comptroller Lazarus Joseph was wavering. It was a foregone conclusion that the rest of the Board of Estimate would take the cue given by these two officials. The real estate spokesmen, aided by Gen. Charles P. Gross, chairman of the Board of Transportation, and the policies of Gov. Dewey, hammered away at the mayor to give in and make the ride 10 cent.

O'Dwyer appointed a special committee of three to study the facts. Composed of Budget Director Thomas J. Patterson, deputy commissioner William Reid, and accountant. The committee dug into relative cost of living figures and real estate profits. They analyzed Bureau of Labor statistics, they checked on rents, the price of bread, shoes and milk, the income of the average wage earner and the "profit" to the city should it raise the fare.

In the meantime, trade unions, people's organizations, the American Labor Party and the Communist Party, organized against a fare rise. They pointed to Albany as the



Mayor William O'Dwyer, shown leaving for Albany to seek increased state aid. O'Dwyer waves farewell as Comptroller Lazarus Joseph stands beside him.

place where additional city revenues should be forthcoming and insisted that O'Dwyer and Joseph lead the fight on Dewey for more funds.

O'DWYER'S DECISION

On Sunday, Feb. 2, the Mayor read in a newspaper that William Church Osborn, of the Citizens Budget Commission, had said the 10 cent fare would "solve the main financial problem of the city." Already equipped with the anti-10 cent figures from his special committee, convinced that the fight must be shifted against Dewey and angered by the sniping by real estate interests, the mayor decided that night to call a two-day public hearing to settle once and for all whether a fare boost would solve "the main financial problem of the city."

Key to the mayor's decision were

the two following points:

1.—The people would not stand for an increase "at this time" while realty profits were at their peak and cost of living hardships becoming unbearable.

2.—The arithmetic finally brought out by Joseph that a five cent raise in subway traffic would not bring the city a penny more for operating expenses.

Even then there was danger that the people would lose. Compromise proposals were in the wind. A six cent suggestion was being taken seriously. The mayor publicly declared he might ask the State Legislature to call a referendum, implying he was willing to boost the fare if onus for it could be shunted onto Dewey.

The outpouring from the subway

riders at the hearing was lower than anticipated.

The newspapers—except for the Daily Worker, the Post and PM—were arrogantly demanding the mayor stop "wasting time" and put the boost into effect. A few members of the Board, notably Borough President Cornelius A. Hall of Richmond, were for a 10 cent ride and one or two others were not convinced of a 5 cent fare.

THE PEOPLE WERE HEARD

But the hearings were in the democratic tradition—and the people were heard.

The 5 cent groups at the hearing had ten times more representation than the big property owners, even though the latter had more speakers.

The CIO, AFL, American Labor Party, Communist Party, consumer groups, Progressive Citizens of America, and other people's organizations pointed out these indisputable facts:

A 10 cent fare meant that the \$75,000,000 subway deficit would be paid by the low-income worker. The big realty interests would be given a free gift—this at a time when they were making more money than ever, and paying less in proportion to city government than at any time since 1935.

• A 10 cent fare meant a yearly

cost of living boost from \$30 to \$78, depending on the number of subway riders in a family.

• A 10 cent fare was a rent rise of from 10 to 15 percent.

• A 10 cent fare would hurt the city's financial condition in the long run and bring in nothing for extra social services at this time.

The mayor listened, agreed and spoke.

His decision to maintain the 5 cent fare is a people's decision and a people's victory!



MY LITTLE SEED

FROM SONGS TO GROW ON

Take my little hoe
Dig a hole in the ground;
Take my little seed
And I plant it down;
Tooka tooka tooky
Tooky tidal, Oh,
We'll all dance around
And see my little seed grow.

Chorus:

Tooka tooka tooky tidal, Oh,
Tooka tooka tooky tidal, Oh,
Tooka tooka tooky tidal, Oh,
Let's all dance around
And see my little seed grow.

The rain it come
And it washed my ground
I thought my little seed
Was going to drown
I waded and I splashed,
And I carried my seed,
I planted it again
On some higher ground.
The sun got hot
And my ground got dry;
I thought my little seed
Would burn and die;
I carried some water
From a watering mill
I said, Little Seed,
You can drink your fill.

Chorus:

The snow it blowed
And the wind it blew;
My little seed grew
And it grew and it grew;
It grew up a cradle,
All soft inside
And a baby was sleeping there
Covered over with vines.—W. G.

IN MEMORY OF
CATHY ANN GUTHRIE
FROM HER COLLEAGUES
AT DISC RECORDS

Gross Backs Up O'Dwyer Stand On Transit Debt

The 10-cent clique was stunned yesterday by an announcement from Gen. Charles P. Gross, chief of the Board of Transportation, that he endorsed Mayor O'Dwyer's proposal to lift the constitutional amendment on the subway debt limit.

Gross, whose stubborn insistence on raising the fare has made him the darling of the real estate interests, agreed it would take between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000 to rehabilitate the subways. While not supporting the five-cent stand of the Mayor, Gross' declaration was the first rift in the solid 10-cent-toll ranks since the public hearings ended Tuesday night.

Gross' statement last Monday that an extra nickel levy for a subway ride would eliminate the city's \$75,000,000 deficit angered the Mayor, who said the transportation chief knew better.

Only by lifting the limit on its borrowing power can the city use the present \$450,000,000 tied up in subway indebtedness for other purposes, such as schools, hospitals and vital construction.

Gross has hitherto been stubbornly opposed to any legislative aids, insisting a 10-cent fare was the magic formula.

His reversal yesterday not only was a blow to Messrs. Harold Riegelman and Paul Windels; it probably saved his job.

In Memoriam

Margie and Woody Guthrie—CATHY, wonderful and happy, will always be remembered by the many friends who loved her. My heart is with you. —Jackie.

In Memory of Cathy Ann Guthrie
Whose Life Was Like a Song

PEOPLE'S SONGS

PETE and TOSHI SEEGER
BUTCH and BESS HAWES
HALLY and JOHNNY FAULK
HUDDIE LEDBETTER
LAURA DUNCAN
HANS FEURTH
PEARL WINCORN
BOBBY and ROGER
ELEANOR YOUNG

ALAN and ELIZABETH LOMAX
BINA and CISCO HOUSTON
TOM and MIMI GLAZER
EARL ROBINSON
FELIX LANDAU
CY MANN
WALLY HILLE
LEE HAYS
CHARLOTTE ANTHONY

JACKIE GIBSON

Negro Vet with Ulcered Stomach Gets VA Disability Run-Around

By John Hudson Jones

An ulcer had eaten a hole in Negro veteran Daniel Hardy's stomach. On Dec. 11, in excruciating pain he went to the Veterans Administration Hospital at 130 W. Kingsbridge Rd., and begged for treatment. They told him it wasn't an emergency and he'd have to wait.

The condition grew worse and on Jan. 16, he was given an emergency operation at the Harlem Hospital. He was on the critical list for 17 days. Meanwhile, VA red tape had got unwound, and on Jan. 27, 11 days after his operation they informed him to "report for treatment within 10 days."

A member of the United Negro and Allied Veterans, Hardy was discharged dishonorably from the Navy in February, 1944. He sought VA treatment then for his ulcer but was refused because of the yellow discharge. He had gotten it because of an altercation with southern Navy men. Then, largely through the efforts of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, his discharge was made honorable.

Hardy, a medium built dark fellow, is the same Hardy, whose housing plight was reported by

the Daily Worker, in the fall. He is also one of the veterans beaten at Governor Dewey's final campaign meeting in Harlem. At that time he, his wife and three children were living in one little room at 2162 Lexington Ave. Since then they have found a three-room apartment in a cold water tenement at 497 W. 124 St.

GOT ADDRESS

Yesterday, on going to the Harlem Hospital to see him, we were informed that he had been discharged in the morning. We got his address from UNAVA headquarters, and went over. Hardy had gone to get a haircut but, Mrs. Hardy, the children, and a couple of visiting ladies were there.

Mrs. Hardy, a slight, tan woman said that "Danny got home about an hour ago, but has gone out for a haircut." We also learned that he is scheduled to go to a rest home in White Plains, N. Y., in a week.

In August, 1946, he had had an emergency operation at Harlem Hospital for "ruptured peptic ulcer." Then the hole was merely closed in a last-minute effort to save his life. The ulcerous lesion was left and it was then that he had gone to VA.

But the ulcer is not the only problem Hardy has. He can't get a pension for a hernia developed in the Navy. Although he had three operations in the service for this condition, VA says it was not incurred in line of duty.

In an interview last fall, just after the Dewey meeting incident, Hardy told the Daily Worker then that he had filed a claim with VA for a disability pension. He said that the hernia had developed from "heavy lifting in the Navy." VA however informed him on Nov. 21, "It is not shown that you now have a disease or injury incurred in line of duty or that has been aggravated."

VA did, however, acknowledge "service connection for scars" which came from the hernia operations. These however did not constitute a ten percent disability which is necessary to receive a pension.

AT UNAVA headquarters yesterday, Miss Kay Overton, Welfare Director, said that they were still pushing VA for Hardy's pension. She said their refusal to accept Hardy as an emergency case was "nothing unusual." "We get complaints every day from veterans who have gotten the run-around."



Stalin Casts His Vote: At polling station No. 1 of Moscow's Lenin Constituency, the Soviet Premier votes in the election of deputies of the Supreme Soviet. V. I. Dikushkin, member of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR ran in the district. Stalin himself was elected a deputy by unanimous choice of his Moscow district.

WESTINGHOUSE, GE TALKS TO BEGIN ON MONDAY

Wage negotiations covering 200,000 workers of 84 General Electric plants will meet with management at GE offices here. Westinghouse plant delegates will meet the company at Pittsburgh offices.

Union delegates representing 125,

No date has yet been set for meetings affecting the electrical division of General Motors.

A substantial number of union's 600,000 members have already received "down payments" on wage demands with reopeners provided in April and May. A general wage conference of the UE earlier this year decided to demand "substantial" raises, a health and retirement program and the union shop.

Dewey School Policies Hit

Gerald Chamberlain, executive secretary of the state chapter of the Young Progressive Citizens of America, yesterday criticized the recent appointments to the State Board of Regents and the extension for another year of the Young Committee to investigate the possibilities of a State University.

"It is unfortunate that major qualification for the State Board of Regents is membership in the Republican Party," asserted PCA secretary Gerald Chamberlain. "The appointments of Feb. 11 are another case of political education. The results of this policy can be seen in our overcrowded schools and underpaid teachers of today. No political maneuvers should be allowed to detract from the education of young people."

The PCA youth group, in a letter to Gov. Dewey, pointed to the fact that New York now ranks 48th in state expenditures

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Minnesota AFL Calls Parley Against Anti-Labor Bills

Special to the Daily Worker

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 13.—A state-wide conference against anti-labor legislation expected to bring 1,000 AFL delegates, was called by the Minnesota State Federation of Labor to meet here Feb. 20. The Duluth CIO Council has urged the state CIO to hold a similar conference. Reports indicate a rising tide of activities in both AFL and CIO locals in opposition to state and congressional anti-labor bills. A number of AFL local unions, notably the Twin Cities streetcar men's organization, have called for united labor action.

Several of the resolutions adopted were addressed to William Green agreeing with the AFL Council's proposal for merger talks, but insisting that immediate joint CIO-AFL-Railroad Brotherhood action not be excluded.

The recent meeting of the Citizens Conference for Progressive Legislation, held here with delegates from all parts of the state, was a spur to a campaign of people's pressure upon legislators and Congressmen. Another stimulus is expected from the Feb. 23 election

conference of Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and the DFL Association of Hennepin County with over 700 delegates, mostly from unions, will attend.

"LABOR PEACE" IRKS GOPER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Rep. A. L. Miller (R-Neb) told Congress today it must go ahead with legislation to curb strikes and not be influenced by what he called the current "labor peace psychology." He contended that if Congress removes the threat of direct legislative action, unions "will be up to their old tricks." He said labor reminds him of a child who fears a spanking "he knows he so richly deserves."

Miller appeared before the House Labor Committee on behalf of his bills to outlaw the closed shop, sympathy or jurisdictional strikes, boycotts and strikes in public utilities and a bill to make unions liable to suits.

Wages Miles Behind, Miles Strikers Say

By Bernard Burton

"Miles ahead in prices, Miles behind in wages" is the way one Miles Shoe picket summed it up as he sloshed his way before the firm's 14 St. store. The 125 office and warehouse workers walked out Monday

morning when the concern turned down all attempts to bring its wages up to the rest of the industry.

All of them belong to the Footwear Division of CIO Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65.

Harry Bush, genial and capable organizer for the Footwear Division, pointed out that Miles wages were far below those of even the 90 small jobbers in the Duane St. area, all of them in the union.

"We just got tired of taking it," he emphasized. Bush said it was more than just a wage question.

LAYOFFS FOR CHRISTMAS

There was the "Christmas present" last year, for example. The company laid off 20 workers the week before Christmas, half of them veterans, one worker with a wife and six kids. It was the only outfit in the industry to pull that kind of a stunt, Bush noted.

"That's one reason we're going after a guaranteed basic crew for our next contract." He explained the feature amounted to a guaranteed annual income for the regular workers. The union already has a similar agreement at A. S. Beck and National Shoe, under which employers guaranteed year-round employment for their regular workers.

Although Miles workers were among the original groups to join up with Local 65 it had always been tough sledding with the firm. One striker pointed out that bosses still check up in the lavatories to hurry the workers back to the job.

Before unionization, wages were as low as eight and nine dollars a week. The week was six days and the day off was always a week day. For "punishment" like "overstaying" in lavatories, workers would be laid

off two days.

The office and warehouse is at 345 Hudson St., and the company has 128 stores, 75 in the metropolitan area. Strikers picket "key" stores regularly, Bush asserted, and an additional 20 on evenings and Saturday.

Picketed stores have had their business cut to \$10 a day, he said. Support for the picket lines has been coming from other workers in Local 65 which has 16,000 members.

Main demands are for conditions equal to those in A. S. Beck and National Shoe. They include weekly minimums of \$53 for warehouse workers and \$48 for office personnel; the guaranteed basic crew; closed shop and an additional week vacation after five years instead of the flat two years under the old contract which expired Jan. 31.

Just the Trouble

Headline in yesterday's World-Telegram: "State to Sift City Finances."

That's just the trouble. The state administration sifts the city's finances and all the city gets is the small change.

CORRECTION

By an error in transmission, yesterday's report on the Albany teachers conference omitted an important phrase. The sentence should have read: "She (Mrs. Russell) was backed by Barnett Fulek, head of the Teacher Interference Committee, who asked for a vote of confidence for May Healy as head of the salary conference."

Clark Ouster Asked by Philly Eisler Rally

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13.—Attorney General Clark's removal was demanded last night by a crowd of 400 that heard Mrs. Gerhart Eisler tell her husband's story in Musicians' Hall.

Mrs. Eisler, who speaks in Boston Friday night, made a deep impression as she substituted for her husband. She told the facts about his frame-up by the Un-American Committee and read the statement they would not let Eisler read in Washington.

Attorney Saul Waldbaum of the Lawyers Guild proposed the telegram to President Truman demanding Clark's removal for complicity in the Eisler frame-up.

POT CALLS KETTLE BLACK IN LOCAL 60

Right wingers in Dress Pressers Local 60, ILGWU, have split into two name-calling camps, the Rank and File Committee declared yesterday.

One right wing group, which calls itself the "United Independent Progressives," is led by A. Vasilovsky, former local chairman. Its candidate for manager is Joseph Goretzky; for local chairman, Daniel Weinstein.

The other right wing group is led by manager Max Cohen and local chairman Jack Spitzer, candidates for reelection and former friends of Vasilovsky.

LISTS GIFTS

A recent leaflet issued by the Vasilovsky faction has a cartoon picturing Cohen as chummy with unsavory characters. It accused Cohen of being "too busy to be manager," and charged "Local 60 is afflicted with many diseases; mysterious resignations, discrimination and lack of democracy."

The leaflet also alleged: "Among the presents that Max Cohen has received are: an automobile, down payment on a house; \$1,000 from the local in conjunction with the banquet celebrating his 35 years of activity in the labor movement . . . and individual cash contributions from the pressers . . ."

The outraged Cohen faction replied: "Within the last few days, the streets of the garment center were littered with printed stuff put out by a handful of irresponsibles who, without a blush in their faces and complete defiance to truth, dare call themselves progressives. . . ."

"In their crazed chase for power, their morals, if they had any, took a new low dip. Printed with filth infested ink, they put out a cartoon in one of their rags, which demands prosecution in a court of law. . . . We do not have to resort to the law,

There is a high moral law. We say to this handful who have swallowed the teachings of Pegler and Hitler, 'Wallow in Your Own Slime.'"

The third group participating in the election, the Rank and File group, whose candidate for local chairman is Abraham Zalesky, says that both the Cohen and Vasilovsky groups share responsibility for present conditions.

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PEGLER CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY FASCISTS LOVE HIM

By George Spelvin

WESTBROOK PEGLER, contrary to widely circulated reports, did not ghostwrite Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. But dispatches from the Atlanta, Ga., trial of the Fascist Columbians, Inc., indicate Pegler will help write the American *Mein Kampf*.

The Hearst columnist's articles defending the Columbians, Bilbo and Fritz Kuhn, and blasting investigators who expose such outfits, are openly displayed by defense attorneys for the Atlanta gang to prove the nation is behind the White Supremacy boys.

Attorneys for Columbian Emory Burke waved Pegler's column under the noses of reporters as Columbian chief Homer Loomis Jr. bragged of plans to write a book like Hitler's.

Loomis said he's not worried about a probable jail sentence because, like Hitler, he wouldn't be in long. He said he'd use the time, as Hitler did, to write a book. His personal *Kampf* and would-

this devious language is not Pegler's private property. Together with foreign correspondents who worked in Germany in the Hitler days, they identify the phraseology as Nazi.

THEY DESCRIBE IT as a virtually direct translation from the race-riot propaganda of Hitler's Anti-Komintern. The Hearst organization acquired this vocabulary for its permanent "anti-Communist" campaign, they explained, from the star "columnists" who preceded Pegler as paid writers in the pages of the Hearst press—namely, the late Herman Goering, Franz Von Papen, and Alfred Rosenberg.

These sources recalled that Goering and Rosenberg, convicted in the recent Nuremberg trials, and Von Papen, strangely acquitted, wrote many signed articles for the Hearst chain in the mid-1930s, as did the late Benito Mussolini and assorted native American fascists.

Pegler blames "the smear technique" for the fact that he finds himself "accused of having defended Sen. Bilbo of Missouri, the Columbians and Fritz Kuhn." He protests that "I have never even met Emory Burke, of the Colum-



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Will You Be . . .

be-bible of American fascism will be called *Thunder in the South*.

Loomis has a big literary job ahead of him and could use exactly the background Pegler has to offer.

YESTERDAY'S PEGLER column and the one on Tuesday, highly pleased the Columbian defendants. They appeared in all papers of the Hearst newschain including the *New York Journal-American*, and in many other papers to which it is sold by a Hearst syndicate. The Tuesday piece purports to explain away the praise Pegler has received from Columbian Burke, as well as from No. 1 American Nazi Fritz Kuhn and assorted friends of lynch-inciting Theodore Bilbo.

But even while hotly denying he has deserved such praise from such sources, Pegler warmly defends the tactics and objectives for which Loomis, Burke and Kuhn stand. The Thursday column blasts investigators who uncover the two-bit Hitlers.

"It is a fact," writes Pegler, "that New York and Washington organizations which live by espionage against the privacy of individuals and organizations, have actually fomented incidents and situations in Southern areas deliberately calculated to inflame susceptible white persons and cause them to 'organize' in order that these Northern provocateurs and sneaks might then exploit these difficulties as 'Fascism'."

Experienced Hearst newspapermen who "only work there," say



WESTBROOK
my Valentine?

bians, who is said to have expressed 'admiration' for me."

The man is persecuted: "I cannot imagine what Fritz Kuhn could have had in mind if he ever said, as he is reported to have said, and possibly by some enemy of mine, that I was the only American newspaperman who ever gave him a break. It may have been, however, my distrust of the oblique method by which he was destroyed."

Pegler failed to state whether he was more inclined to trust the perpendicular method by which Rosenberg and Von Ribbentrop were destroyed.

He avoids this, by devoting his last paragraph to a tear for the late Al Capone! Pegler calls the law down on "some unidentified person in the Washington Bureauocracy" who sent Capone to Alcatraz!



'All Aboard': It's the title of Ben Bengal's one-act play on Negro discrimination which Stage for Action will present, together with Arthur Miller's "Your Next" and "Open Secret" by Robert Adler, at the Theatre Des Artistes, 1 W. 46 St. this Saturday and Sunday night. In the scene above, Ludwig Salem, to break the tension created by racial conflict, performs a card trick for Bob Lancet, Bob Howard, James Johnston and Bonnie Lou Barker (in the usual order). Tickets at Stage for Action, 130 W. 42 St., NYC. BRyant 9-1425.

In the Negro Press

WHY THEY WITCH-HUNT

By John Hudson Jones

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER columnist W. E. B. DuBois sees the current "... period of witch-hunting and red-baiting ..." as an "... effort to distract the thought of

the people of the United States from the main issues which confront them and the world." DuBois names these issues as "... poverty, education, democracy, the role of the state in industry" and warns against "... powerful groups of people who do not even want these subjects discussed. ..."

He further believes that "To stop intelligent discussion ..." of these issues "... we are being diverted toward a concerted attack upon socialism in England, communism in Russia, and state planning everywhere. Every liberal movement and the main trade union movements are taking up most of their time ... fighting communism."

"Why? Because the Communist has a plan for abolishing poverty, for educating the masses and for state control of industry. It is idiotic for reasonable human beings to attack any set of arguments or any political system in so far as that thought and system is aimed toward accomplishing exactly what every thoughtful human being wants today." As Nehru of India recently said, "With most of the principles of communism I am in complete accord."

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in re the Georgia situation believes that "... it is fallacious to assume that prejudice in the South stems solely from the 'poor whites.' It now appears that the inhuman bitterness of race prejudice in that section is mainly the handiwork of southern Big Business, aided and abetted by northern capitalists." Commenting on the "known" fact that "... deceased Gene Talmadge ... had the support of ... banks, power companies, textile manufacturers, and a maker of soft drinks ..." the *Courier* says, "The Talmadges and other Negro-baiters are used by big business in the South to raise the cry of white supremacy ... in order to monopolize the attention of the 'poor whites' so that no issue is made of poor wages, inferior public education, polltaxes and abominable living conditions generally."

But the *Courier* does not stop here. "The 'small fry' capitalists of Georgia who control the Talmadges, the Georges and the Russells, are in turn controlled by the capitalists of Wall Street and other northern banking interests. ... The poor whites are ignorant and are mere pawns in the game. ... If Negroes and their sympathizers hope to improve racial conditions in the South they must stop ex-

pending all their efforts in fighting the 'poor whites' and turn their fire on those greedy industrialists, North and South, who are ever willing to sacrifice human welfare for profits. ... Race prejudice in the South ... and the contributing forces that create this scourge ... must be crushed if the rights and privileges Negroes enjoy in the North are to endure. This sinister alliance of the South and Big Business is a real challenge to democracy."

THE BLACK DISPATCH figures that recent demonstrations by Georgia's anti-Talmadge white students "... expressed the view that Nazism must die in Dixie, and Herman Talmadge with his storm troopers and coup d'etat must be blotted out." It occurs to the *Black Dispatch* that during and after Reconstruction the South stole the vote from the Negro people and "... no one cared," but now "... in 1947 we find Georgia's white students on the steps of the state capitol asking the outlaw son of Gene Talmadge 'who stole my vote?'"

"This means that the white voter, as well as the white worker, is beginning to learn his lesson. Education that has come through the Communist Party and labor unions down South has finally disclosed to the poor whites that no white man is secure on his job so long as a destitute black worker stands outside the door of the South's industrial establishment. The Communist Party first started preaching this gospel 15 years ago down at Gaton, N. C."

THE PEOPLE'S VOICE on the occasion of Negro History Week remembers that "Just 120 years ago the first Negro newspaper appeared in America—*Freedom's Journal*, published by John B. Russworm in New York City."

"It was a fighting newspaper ..." and PV remarks that "in the tradition of *Freedom's Journal*, the Negro press has continued to express the determination of the Negro people for full democratic rights, to stimulate and organize their struggles and to weld them into an increasingly unified people's liberation movement."

WORTH REPEATING

Karl Marx, writing of India: "England has broken down the whole framework of Indian society, without any symptoms of reconstruction yet appearing. The loss of his old world, with no gain of a new one, imports a particular kind of melancholy to the present misery of the Hindoo." *British Rule in India*.

Press Roundup

If You Live In Queens, Watch Out!

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM'S Nelson Frank discovers another alleged "agent of the Communist International." It's "J. Peters, a German, ... currently membership director of the New York Communist Party under the alias of Steve Miller." The evidence: a 1935 CP organizational manual and this gem: "Peters, like Eisler, has his home in Queens." (As Alan Max puts it: "Right across the river from Marcantonio's district.")

THE DAILY NEWS is all for lopping six billion off the federal budget. But it doesn't want this to benefit the little guy, opposing proposals to exempt \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for married couple. It's "in favor of keeping as many Americans as possible resentfully aware of the fact that their Government is a terrific spender nowadays and needs to be continually prodded to economize. The best way to keep most Americans aware of that fact is to keep them conscious of these income taxes which hit them directly, visibly and painfully in the pay envelope."

THE SUN advises Congress Republicans to go through with budget slashes and tax cuts.

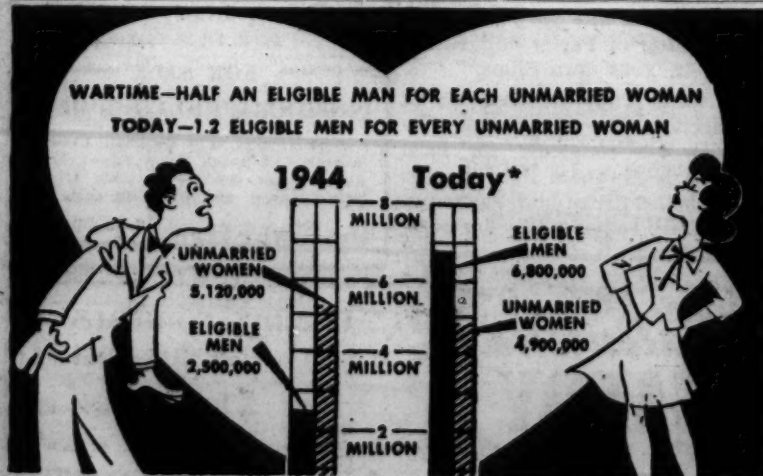
THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN howls about "Soviet espionage" and recommends: "Find the Communists in the Government and throw them out. Insist on adequate military representation on the Federal Atomic Commission, or withhold the atomic secrets from an all-civilian commission. Surround our atomic knowledge with all possible protection, including counter measures against Soviet espionage. And proceed with the manufacture of atom bombs."

PM's Max Lerner encourages Mayor O'Dwyer to fight in Albany for more State funds for the city and for the right to borrow more money. He notes: "If Dewey had foregone the tax cuts for the corporate fat cats (who, incidentally, will hold in their hands the decision on whether he will be Presidential nominee) there would have been enough in the State treasury to furnish ample State aid for New York City and all the upstate cities as well."

THE TIMES hails the Security Council's 9-0 vote to keep the new UN commission on armament reduction from considering atomic arms. It's "a sweeping victory for the United States."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE asserts the Soviet Union has not "the slightest concrete suggestion as to how general disarmament might be achieved. ... How about the proposed convention to abolish all atomic weapons and destroy present stockpiles?"

THE POST says "a Republican-led refusal to confirm Lillienthal would mean a straight, catastrophic victory of reactionary policies in the critical field of atomic energy control. It would mean a big move towards defeating in practice the intent of the law passed by Congress last year, which decided in favor of democratic civilian control of atomic energy and against dictatorial military control."



Vital Valentine Statistics: Here's a how-de-do! Government statistics (above) show 1.2 eligible men for every unmarried woman, as opposed to half a man during the war. But—now that a whole man is available for every gal, how's he going to provide for more than half a woman? On inflationary prices and inadequate wages, we mean.

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IN THE fight for the nickel fare, the people have won a fine victory. The real estate boys, their slick lawyers, and the hired spokesmen are licking their wounds today. They made the mistake of underestimating the intelligence and fighting spirit of Our Town.

What brought the victory was unity. Behind the five-cent fare, there stood a coalition which brought together the trade unions, citizens groups, workers and middle classes, American Labor Party, Democrats and Communists. The CIO and AFL were united. The various political groups were united.

And, above all, the effort of the ten-centers to start a "red menace" cackle against this coalition collapsed miserably amid Bronx cheers and laughter.

There can be no question but that this example will spur every other peoples fight. For it shows what can be done. A similar unity against the union-wrecking legislation now in Congress would achieve wonders.

Communists Fight Chaos

We are especially proud of the part played in this people's fight by our two Communist councilmen, Pete Cacchione and Ben Davis, and by the Communist Party. Once again, they proved that Communist principles and good citizenship go hand in hand. Armed with expert knowledge of the facts, they fought for their city's welfare, for all its people, regardless of creed.

They proved how hollow is the lie peddled by the Daily News all the time that the Communists want to see "chaos and confusion in order to take over." The Communists, as one of the groups in the pro-O'Dwyer coalition, fought for civic welfare and for democratic progress.

Mayor O'Dwyer, elected by a coalition and backed by it in this fight, punched holes in the real estate propaganda. In fact, he proved that it is the real estate gang that is getting a "free ride" in low taxes.

Faced by the fighting coalition of New York progressives, it is no wonder that the machine politicians up at Albany are pushing the Brees Bill which outlaws such electoral combinations against them.

The fight goes to Albany where Dewey hogs the city's finances for political capital.

Let the same unity prevail there as up to now.

They tried to "red-bait" a ten-cent fare out of New York.

They were routed. Progressive Americans everywhere please note!

Covering Moscow

AS A NEWSPAPER desiring to give the maximum coverage to important events, the Daily Worker would like to see as many reporters as possible going to Moscow for the Big Four conference.

But the Soviet Union has understandable physical difficulties in providing for all those who want to go. This has given rise to propaganda here that the Soviet Union is deliberately cutting down on the quota.

The American press has asked for 52; the amount granted thus far is 20.

Since the complainants claim that their sole interest in enlarging the quota is to provide for "all viewpoints," it is pretty remarkable that they have not included the Daily Worker in the 20.

The Soviet Union's experience with certain "news-men" has been pretty shabby. The pretense that the press here is dedicated to providing American with unbiased, full information is pretty silly too. Nevertheless, the USSR continues to provide for maximum coverage by American newspapers.

If the 20 quota can be enlarged, provided that "all viewpoints" are represented, that would be fine. We hope that the Russians can find the facilities to make it possible. If not, we think we should be among the first 20.

In any case, this is a problem of available facilities, not of political censorship.

OPEN THE DOOR THOMAS



Letters From Our Readers

Asks Planned Peace As We Planned War

Brooklyn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I live in a modest neighborhood. My fellow tenants are a policeman, a laundry employee, a skilled manual worker and various white collar people filling modest positions.

In the past year I have seen five bottles of milk usually left at a door shrink to three—and no change in the family membership! Standing beside my neighbors at the local grocery store, I see the show case bulging with butter—and a mother of a family of five buys a quarter-pound at a time, remarking as she stood beside me: "I don't know how I am going to manage. I can only provide the 'filling' cheaper foods. The children are shy on their vitamins but what can I do?"

A five percent let alone a 15 percent raise in rent will be the last straw for that woman. There may be some ugly scenes when city marshals enter to evict some of these people—not to cheaper homes but to the sidewalk. That we need more housing in all categories is obvious. Is it beyond the capacity of a society, which planned so brilliantly for total war, to plan with equal brilliance for a peacetime economy?

M. SYMINGTON.

Assimilation Formed Nations

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Sylvia Lerner, in her Daily Worker letter of Jan. 31st, is disturbed by the fact that in the neighborhood of her school the majority of Jewish people are thoroughly assimilated and they say "they do not feel Jewish."

Naturally assimilation brings that about, but then assimilation is a fact of life of peoples and nations.

Assimilation formed nations like the Italian, French, British and others from people of different races and tribes (Stalin, Marxism and the National Question). Our own nation grew largely by assimilating people of various origins.

Lenin says assimilation "constitutes one of the greatest motive forces transforming capitalism into socialism." (Lenin on the Jewish Question).

E. HORACHEK

VIEWS ON LABOR NEWS

AFL-CIO ORGANIC UNITY

By George Morris

NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING of CIO vice-presidents at Washington will likely bring a reply to the AFL's proposal that negotiations resume for "organic unity"—a merger. Awaiting the reply is a

committee of five named by the AFL to explore the possibilities for a single American labor center of some 14,000,000 workers.

Events have undoubtedly had a sobering effect upon some of the AFL's top leaders. Despite all the efforts they have been making to play ball with employers, the drive to smash the labor movement continues unabated.



Their unions are not the tightly-knit pocket organizations of the past. Dan Tobin and John L. Lewis and William Hutcheson, with unions of 600,000 or more, feel a pressure from their locals. And they must be thinking of the pre-Roosevelt days too, when Tobin's union, now of nearly a million, had less than 100,000 members, and Lewis had nothing but debts.

THEY WERE UNABLE to ignore the CIO's appeal for joint labor action. The industrialists whom they offer cooperation, are giving them no alternative. Nor should the AFL's top leaders be viewed as a bloc of like-minded people.

Undoubtedly there are among them leaders who would like to see a merger depending, of course, on how a merger would effect their own spheres. Others remain strong for continued war upon the CIO and view the proposal to merge only as a maneuver to put the blame for disunity upon the CIO.

I am not a crystal-gazer, but judging by the general background of merger negotiations since the CIO was born and Philip Murray's past policies, I would say he will name a committee of five to meet the AFL. It also seems strongly probable that among the first proposals the negotiators will face is the possibility of an immediate united front on legislation.

THAT APPROACH would immediately toss the issue back to those in the AFL who thought they have seized upon a clever maneuver. It would provide the real test for unity. The very least

that could be shown, to provide the proper atmosphere for merger negotiations, is enough goodwill for joint immediate action in the emergency.

As for the terms for merger, the last proposal put before the AFL in my memory, came from John L. Lewis when he was still president of the CIO. He suggested that all CIO and all AFL unions as they are constituted, immediately become one federation. Later, within the united body, jurisdictional and merger issues would be settled between the respective unions.

It now remains to be seen if Lewis, now a member of the AFL's committee of five, will repeat the proposal. One encouraging feature in the AFL's reply is the absence of the usual nonsense about "returning" to the "house of labor." At long last the AFL's leaders concede that unity with the CIO is imperative and, presumably, it is no longer a sacrilege for an AFL member to talk to a member of the CIO.

THE AFL'S "UNITY" POLICY has thus far been based on the program of inducing parts of the CIO to break away. In line with that objective, the principal attention of the AFL's leaders was on building firm columns in the CIO with red-baiting as the weapon. This was the formula for a number of split-aways.

The feverish rise of this red-baiting drive in CIO unions, now passing openly to secession movements as in Connecticut, is grounds for suspicion that some forces in the AFL have not abandoned their old policy. Those in the CIO who are encouraging internal disruption and secession are undoubtedly working to strengthen the hand of reaction in AFL-CIO talks.

The only way to force the AFL's leaders to get down to serious merger talks, is to prove to them that their strategy to drive a "better bargain" through splits and disruption, won't work.

Perhaps the controlling leaders have at long last become convinced that maneuvers and splits won't work. We will see when the cards are put on the table.

Harrison's Plug for Scabs Burns Up AFL RR Clerks

Reversing penalties for scabbing imposed upon 28 Hudson County Lodge 2053 members, president George M. Harrison of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks declared in a letter to lodge officers that the men "should have been commended." Harrison is a vice-president of the AFL. Harrison's suggestion for scab medals, when read before a meeting of Lodge 2053, brought an explosion of indignation and a resolution demanding that Harrison give some thought to the long-delayed 40-hour week for American Express Agency workers.

Similar resolutions and sharp words against Harrison came from Lodge 2325 at the New Haven express terminal in the Bronx and Lodges 2130 and 2125.

SCABS WERE FINED

The issue developed as a result of last July's dramatic "continuous meeting" called by 5,000 Express Agency Clerks when all efforts for regular adjustment of a growing pile of grievances broke down. The men met daily at Manhattan Center, and all work was at a complete standstill until the company agreed to stop some of its major abuses of working rules.

While Harrison did not sanction the stoppage, his representatives took a hand in negotiating with company officials. Twenty-eight men at the Hudson terminal who defied the stoppage were penalized in some cases by expulsion, in others through fines and reprimands. Those were later changed to a fine equal to the money earned while scabbing plus \$10 for each day worked. Acting on the appeal of the men, Harrison wrote:

"I have now completed my investigation of this entire matter and it is my decision that members penalized by the special investigating committee and the lodge should have been commended rather than subject to penalties..."

Resolutions accompanying petition to Harrison for the militant New York area locals note that working conditions for railroad and express agency workers are "behind the rest of the industries." They complain that the industry has not yet achieved a 40-hour week, decent sick leave and paid vacations.

They demand that in negotiations about to begin the union insist on time and one-half after 40 hours or for Saturday and double time for Sunday, and a 25 percent wage increase.



REBECCA LERNER
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Rebecca Lerner Sells Subs, Wins Friends

Rebecca Lerner brings out The Worker and Daily Worker clippings from her pocket book when she has discussions with fellow-workers in the garment center.

That often clinches the argument, she told us, and wins her fast friends. Besides, that's how she sold 35 subscriptions in the recent Worker drive, and chalked up 200 subs during 1945.

"A sub is not just a sub to me," she asserted. "It's a means to strengthen united action for all the things workers need. Like democracy in the ILGWU or independent labor political action or the fight to end discrimination."

She herself is a fighter from 'way back. As a Jew she felt the sharp lash of oppression in Czarist Russia. Then, as soon as she came to this country, she went to work 57 hours a week in a ladies' underwear shop. At 16 she was a shop chairlady and participated in a strike at the American Gown Co.

"Struggle brought us the 35-hour week," she recalled. "Whenever I talk with newcomers in the shop or in garment center restaurants, I tell them what it took to get our present conditions and how we must fight to hold on to them and make life even better for ourselves and workers everywhere."

"I'm very much concerned with the coming ILGWU elections because these will decide the issues of unity and democracy in the union—on which better conditions for the garment workers depend."

"I find all workers interested in that, in lasting peace and rights for minorities. But they're often misled and prejudiced by what they read in the papers."

That's where The Worker and Freiheit clippings come in—and the several copies of the Worker in which Miss Lerner invests each week.

"Those subs," she smiled, "have won me more friends than I can count. I wish you could read all the thank-you letters I've received."

7,000,000 People; Not One Was Mayor

New York City had no mayor yesterday. It had no acting mayor. It had no sub-acting mayor or even a substitute-for-a-day mayor.

The city's seven million people just had nobody who was the chief executive. Mayor O'Dwyer was in Albany. The man-who-would-be-mayor-in-his-absence, Vincent R. Impellitteri, President of the Council, is on a cruise in the Caribbean. Joseph T. Sharkey, vice-chairman of the Council, No. 1 man with both O'Dwyer and Impellitteri away, had left for California an hour after the nickel fare broadcast Wednesday night.

Oh, yes, Deputy Mayor John J. Bennett, but he's an appointee and not representative of the people. All elected could-be-mayors-when-the-real-mayor-is-not-around were gone.

1,000 in Seattle Attend CP Meet

Special to the Daily Worker

SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—One thousand persons attended a Lincoln-Lenin anniversary rally sponsored by the Kings County Communist Party at Civic Auditorium. John Williamson, CP labor secretary now on a national tour, won a standing ovation with his plea for unity to save the labor movement.

Williamson warned against the idea that the Republicans would go easy for fear of losing the labor vote, or that Truman would surely veto union-busting bills.

"Let us remember," he said, "that President Truman opened the door to this attack with his own proposals and his strike-breaking injunction."

Williamson advised liberals that if they fall into the course of red-baiting, they will wind up the prisoners of the reactionaries. As patriotic Americans, he added, the Communists never confuse the interests of Main St. with those of Wall St.

Wilt Thou Be My Valentine?

Those lacy cards and red heart-shaped boxes of candy sent on Valentine's Day have nothing to do with St. Valentine.

Although there are seven St. Valentines listed in the "Acts of the Saints" and Feb. 14 is the saint's day for them all, no connection has been found between the saints and the holiday as it is celebrated today.

It is thought that the customs of the holiday are, instead, a continuation of an ancient Roman festival called the "Lupercalia," which occurred on Feb. 15 and was something like a carnival.

In the 1700's the customs of Valentine's Day were indicative of serious romance. It was a general belief that the first person of the opposite sex whom one met on that day would be one's Valentine for the whole year and perhaps for life.

One young damsel wrote in

1754, "I lay abed and shut my eyes all the morning till he came to our house, for I would not have seen another man before him for all the world."

Sometimes the young people held a lottery on St. Valentine's eve when the names of the girls were put into a box and were drawn at random by the young men. Then each pair would exchange gifts and each would be the other's "Valentine" for the year.

Manhattans For Manhattanites

The West Side Tenants Mobilization is holding a cocktail party this Saturday evening at 9 p.m., at the home of Ed Royce, 1 W. 89 St. Entertainers will be Mary Lou Williams, Kenneth Spencer and other Negro stars.

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NEGRO HISTORY WEEK celebration, Lodge 500, IWO, 77 Fifth Ave., 8:30 p.m. Speaker: Dorey Wilkerson, editor, People's Voice—Monroe of Race Discrimination; Kenneth Spencer, famous basso, Songs of Freedom. Exhibit of Negro leaders and contributions to American History. Refreshments. Admission free.

FOLK DANCING of many nations. Instruction, fun. Rose Slav, director. Cultural Folk Dance Group, 128 East 16th St. 8:00 p.m.

CONTEMPORARY WRITERS symposium salutes Negro History Week—"Negro contribution to American culture." Speakers: Gwendolyn Bennett, Shirley Graham, Earl Conrad. 50 cents. Hotel Albert, University Place and 11th St. 8:00 p.m.

DON'T BE KLANNISH! Revive your Constitution at the Boll Weevil Ball to launch Club 6's Operation Dixie. Help buy a Mimeo machine for our Comrades in Atlanta, Ga. Featuring American Folksay Group, Folk Dancing and Singing. Subscription 75 cents. Club 6, 430 6th Ave.

"BEHIND THE EISLER CASE, the New Reichstag Fire Frame-up." Alan Max, Managing Editor, Daily Worker, will discuss the significance of "un-American" Committee's action. Jefferson School, 575 Sixth Ave., (16th St.), 8:45 p.m. 50 cents.

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AW SHUCKS! Don't ya ever play Post Office? The party is at 47 Thompson St., Apt. 11. Sponsored by Village Youth Club. Admission 50 cents.

Tomorrow Manhattan

COME to first terrific party. Art Students League, AYD, throwing it! Singers, Square Dancing, Comedy Acts. 8:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission 75 cents. 13 Astor Place, Room 606.

BUNNY & DAVID Children's Show Party featuring Woody Guthrie—Creators of "Happy the Humbug"—Comedy Kopy—Magic—Music—Puppets—Favors—Games—Prizes. Barksdon Plaza, 59th St. & 6th Ave., Sat., Feb. 15th, 2:30 p.m. Admission \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 at box office. DANCE A-ROUND. You swing yours, I'll swing mine! She's my only Valentine.

Square, national dancing. Featuring Renee Berlow and Harry Berlow of People's Songs in a program of Folksongs commemorating Negro History Week. 8:30 p.m. Instruction fee 50 cents. American Folksay Group AYD, Furriers Union, 250 W. 25th St.

Tomorrow Bronx

SEE ONE of the greatest motion pictures of our times "Gypsies," at PS 96, Waring and Olivine Ave. Saturday evening, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. sharp. Dr. Annette Rubenstein, guest speaker. Sub. 60c. North Bronx Council for American Soviet Friendship.

LET YOUR HAIR down. Kick your heels up—East Burdette entertains. Entertainment, refreshments and dancing. Saturday, 9 p.m. Contribution 50 cents. 9 W. Burdette Ave.

STOMPING at the "Stark Club." Saturday night. See our famous Joe York Players in a topical revue at Valentine Dance. Original skits, talented cast. Refreshments. Feb. 15, 8:30. Sub. 75 cents. 125 E. 170th St. Joe York Youth Club, near Concourse.

THAW OUT at the Brooklyn College AYD social. Dancing, refreshments, sparkling entertainment. Another AYD hit. Feb. 15, 8:30 p.m. 77 Fifth Ave. Sub. 75 cents.

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ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE. Saturday, Feb. 15, 1947, at 1239 Atlantic Ave., Bklyn., N.Y. A live swing band, refreshments. Sub. 75 cents. Bedford Stuyvesant section of CP.

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GREENWICH VILLAGE CONGRESS on Housing! Sunday, Feb. 16th, 55 Washington Sq. South, 2 p.m. Panels on rent control, permanent and emergency housing. 7:30 p.m. Experts at round table answering questions from audience. Pete Seeger and other entertainers. Both sessions free to public.

"THE COMMUNIST PARTY and the Negro People" forum, Feb. 16. Speaker: Charles Loman, film, lecture discussion. Club 78 at 78 Herkimer St., Bklyn. (near Nostrand Ave.), 3 to 5 p.m. Admission 25 cents. Other Sunday forums follow.

Philadelphia, Pa.

LENIN MEMORIAL mass rally in defense of Trade Unions. Friday, Feb. 21st, 8:00 p.m. "Met," Broad and Poplar Sts.

HEAR ALBERT E. KAHN on "The Menace of American Fascism" Sunday eve, 8:30 p.m., Feb. 16th. Musician's Hall, 139 E. 16th St., Phila.

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• Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00—WOR—News—Prescott Robinson
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 WJZ—Breakfast with Breneman
 WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger
 11:15—WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz
 11:30—WOR—Easy Does It, Music
 WJZ—Hollywood Story—Sketch
 WQXR—Musical Personalities
 11:45—WNBC—Lora Lawton—Sketch
 WOR—Talk—Victor H. Lindlahr
 WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
 WQXR—Rosemary—Sketch
 12:00—WNBC—Rad Hall, News
 WOR—Home Edition—News
 WJZ—Kenny Baker Show
 WQXR—News; Kate Smith's Chat
 12:15—WNBC—Metropolitan News
 WOR—Checkerboard Jamboree
 WJZ—Aunt Jenny's Stories
 12:30—WNBC—Maggi McNellis, Talk
 WOR—News; So This Is Love
 WJZ—News; Talk—Nancy Craig
 WQXR—Helen Trent
 12:45—WNBC—Show Tunes
 WQXR—Our Gal Sunday
 1:00—WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride
 WOR—Better Half Matinee
 WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
 WQXR—Big Sister—Sketch
 • WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
 1:15—WJZ—Powers Charm School
 WQXR—Ma Perkins—Sketch
 1:30—WOR—Listen Here, Ladies
 WJZ—Young Drake
 WQXR—Calvin Dr. Malone—Sketch
 1:45—WNBC—Robert McCormick, News
 WOR—The Answer Man
 WQXR—Road of Life—Sketch
 2:00—WNBC—Today's Children—Sketch
 WOR—Daily Dilemmas
 WJZ—Kiernan's Corner
 WQXR—News; Program Favorites
 2:15—WNBC—Woman in White—Sketch
 WJZ—The Women's Exchange
 WQXR—Perry Mason—Sketch
 2:30—WNBC—Masquerade—Sketch
 WOR—Queen for a Day
 WJZ—Bride and Groom
 WQXR—Lone Journey—Sketch
 2:40—WNBC—Betty Crocker, Talk
 2:45—WNBC—Light of the World
 WQXR—Music Memory Game
 3:00—WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful
 WOR—Martha Deane Program
 WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
 WQXR—Bouquet for You
 3:15—WNBC—Ma Perkins
 3:30—WNBC—Pepper Young
 WOR—Rambling with Gambling
 WJZ—Pat Barnes, Talk
 WQXR—Winner Take All
 3:45—WNBC—Right to Happiness
 WJZ—Studio Tour
 4:00—WNBC—Backstage Wife—Sketch
 WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
 WJZ—House Party
 WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
 4:15—WNBC—Stella Dallas—Sketch
 4:25—WNBC—News Reports
 4:30—WNBC—Lorenzo Jones
 WOR—Uncle Don
 WJZ—Cliff Edwards, Songs
 WQXR—Hollywood Jackpot
 4:45—WNBC—Young Wilder Brown
 WOR—Buck Rogers—Sketch
 WJZ—Dick Tracy—Sketch
 5:00—WNBC—When a Girl Marries
 WOR—Hop Harrigan—Sketch
 WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
 WQXR—School of the Air
 5:15—WNBC—Fortia Faces Life
 • WOR—Superman
 WJZ—Sly King—Sketch
 WQXR—Latin-American Rhythms
 5:30—WNBC—Just Plain Bill
 WOR—Captain Midnight
 WJZ—Jack Armstrong
 WQXR—Treasure Bandstand
 5:45—WNBC—Front-Page Farrell
 WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
 WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch

EVENING

6:00—WNBC—News; Screenade to America
 WOR—George C. Putnam, News
 WJZ—News; Sports—Joe Hasel
 WQXR—News; Harry Marble
 6:15—WOR—Bob Elton, Interviews
 WJZ—Ethel and Albert
 WQXR—To Be Announced
 6:30—WOR—News; Fred Vandeventer
 WJZ—Allen Prescott
 WQXR—Sports—Red Barber
 6:40—WNBC—Sports; Bill Stern
 6:45—WNBC—Lowell Thomas
 WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
 WJZ—Ed and Peggen Fitzgerald
 WQXR—Robert Trout, News
 7:00—WNBC—Supper Club Variety
 WJZ—Headline Edition
 • WQXR—Mystery of the Week
 WJZ—News; Concert Stage
 7:15—WNBC—News of the World
 WOR—The Answer Man
 WJZ—Elmer Davis, News
 WQXR—Jack Smith Show
 7:30—WNBC—Harry Wood Show
 WOR—Henry J. Taylor
 WJZ—The Lone Ranger
 WQXR—Meredit Willson Orchestra
 7:45—WNBC—H. V. Kaltenborn
 WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
 8:00—WNBC—Highway in Melody; Mac
 Morgan, Bartone; Paul Lavalle
 Orchestra
 • WOR—Burl Ives, Songs
 WJZ—Pat Man—Sketch
 • WQXR—Baby Snooks Show
 WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
 8:15—WOR—Memorable Moments
 8:30—WOR—Story Theatre
 • WNBC—Alan Young Show
 WJZ—This Is Your FBI

Isabel de Palencia
Speaks Here Sunday

Isabel de Palencia, former Spanish Republican Minister to Sweden and Finland, will fly from Mexico to address an Emergency Work Conference to Aid the Undeclared Spanish Refugees in France, Sunday afternoon.

• WCB—Adventures of the Thin Man

8:55—WCB—Bill Henry, News
 9:00—WCB—People Are Funny
 WOR—Gabriel Heatter
 WJZ—Break the Bank—Quiz
 WQXR—Ginny Simms Show
 9:15—WOR—Real Stories
 9:30—WCB—Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn
 MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
 WOR—Bulldog Drummond—Play
 WJZ—The Sheriff—Play
 • WCB—Durante, Moore Show
 WQXR—Designs in Harmony
 9:45—WQXR—Great Names
 9:55—WJZ—Harry Wismer—Sports
 10:00—WOR—Spotlight on America
 • WNBC—Mystery Theatre
 • WJZ—Boxing Bout
 WQXR—It Pays To Be Ignorant
 • WQXR—News; Nights in Latin America, with Pru Devon
 10:30—WNBC—Bill Stern, Sports
 WOR—The Symphonic Orchestra

WCB—Maise—Sketch
 WQXR—The Showcase
 10:45—WCB—To Be Announced
 11:00—WCB—News; Music
 WOR—News; Dance Music
 WJZ—WCB—News; Music
 WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
 11:30—WCB—World's Great Novels
 12:00—WCB—News; Music
 WOR, WJZ—News; Music
 WQXR—News Reports

Station WNYC

• 9:00—Masterwork Hour. American
 Music Festival. Music of Latin
 American Composers
 9:55—News Summary
 10:00—"Hope for the Heart," Ogden
 White, Speaker on N.Y. Health
 and Tuberculosis Assn.
 10:15—Musical Comedy Memories
 10:30—"Cooking Tips for a New Cook,"
 Edith Barber on "How Does
 Your Kitchen Fare?" Series.
 10:45—Health Dept. Nutrition News,
 with Margaret Conner
 10:50—Music Time
 10:55—News Summary
 11:00—Organ Odes
 11:30—BBC Radio Newscast
 11:45—Musical Comedy Memories
 11:55—News Summary

12:00—Midday Symphony. American
 Music Festival. "An American
 in Paris," Gershwin
 12:55—News Summary
 1:00—Missing Persons Alarms
 1:05—City News Summary
 1:15—Matinee in Rhythm with
 Jack Lazare
 1:55—News Summary
 2:00—Official U.S. Weather Report
 2:05—Opera Matinee. American Music
 Festival. Scenes from American
 Opera Houses
 3:00—American Music Festival
 Program from Town Hall
 4:30—Quintet for Piano and Strings
 by Cecily Lambert, American
 Music Festival
 4:55—News Summary
 5:00—Lukas Foss Music on the American
 Music Festival Program
 5:30—American Song Composer Carter
 Harmon, American Music
 Festival Program
 5:45—"Weekend in New York." What
 to Do in New York Over the
 Weekend, with Lily Supov.
 Guest: Sergei J. Denham,
 Director, Ballet Russe de
 Monte Carlo, American Music
 Festival Program
 5:55—News Summary

6:00—Sports for New Yorkers, with
 Maurice Eschay
 • 6:15—National Federation of Music
 Clubs. American Music Festival
 Program. Award Winners:
 Paula Lechner, Samuel Sorin,
 Jane Beard
 6:45—U.S. Weather Report. USES
 Help Wanted Ad Column
 of the Air
 6:55—News Summary
 7:00—Masterwork Hour. American
 Music Festival Program. Music
 of Latin American Composers
 7:55—News Summary
 8:00—Hall Johnson Choir on the
 American Music Festival
 Program
 • 8:15—Elaine Lambert Lewis, Folksongs
 for the Seven Million on the
 American Music Festival
 Program
 • 8:30—Juilliard School of Music on
 the American Music Festival
 Program. Juilliard Chorus and
 Orchestra, Robert Shaw,
 Conductor
 9:55—News Summary
 10:00—FM ONLY. City Hour of Music
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Jimcrow Still Mars Too Many Sports

By Bill Mardo

(Fifth in a series on Negroes in Sports.)

LET'S LEAD OFF with baseball today, and then lightly touch on some other sports and other Negro athletes. The status of Negroes in baseball is too well known to bear detailed repetition here. It's also

widely known that when Branch Rickey signed five Negroes to his Brooklyn farm system last year, considerable progress was made toward ending the Jimcrow ban which has, for so long, marred our National Pastime. An unwritten ban which has existed since Abner Doubleday dreamed up his game over 100 years ago, and which of necessity compelled Negro baseball talent to form its own leagues back in 1920 — when the National Negro League was born.

Out of that league has come, through the years, a galaxy of great baseball names who have had everything it took to play big league ball—except a pigmentation pleasing to the major league moguls.

Yes, truly great players, starting away back with John Henry Lloyd, a shortstop par excellence; Cyclone Joe Williams, that pitching marvel who strode the hill from 1910 to 1934; the one and only Satchel Paige, perhaps the peer of all pitchers; the late Josh Gibson, cheated of his rightful place in history as the hardest hitting catcher in all baseball; Rube Foster, Biz Mackey, Ben Taylor, Sammy Hughes, Homerun Johnson, Jim Taylor, a Willie Wells—and we could fill this column with the names alone of today's crop of Negro diamond stars who have the stamp of major league talent on them.

Simultaneously with Jackie's Dodgers tryouts this next month, all democratic minded baseball fans should unloose a final smashing campaign to bring the other big league clubowners, aside from Rickey, into the fold by forcing them to sign up Negro talent.

TENNIS IS a sport from whose national scene, like baseball, the Negro has been barred from and confined to a Jimcrow league. The holler — than — thou United States Lawn Tennis Association has never allowed Negro netters to compete in its tournaments.

The Americ Tennis Association,

an all-Negro outfit, was formed in 1916, and held its first national championships in August of the next year. Talley Holmes and Sylvester Smith walked off with the honors. Holmes is ranked one of the greatest Negro players of all time, along with Edgar Brown, Henry Freeman, J. F. Wilkinson, Weir, Ted Thompson, Franklin Jackson, and several others.

NEGRO JOCKEYS were fairly numerous in the early days of horse-racing in this country. Today, because of the unwritten Jimcrow policy, few are left even on the small circuits.

BUT THERE have been some Negro jockeys who rode winners in the Kentucky Derby classic away back. Oliver Lewis, on top of the colt Aristides, came home a winner in the 1875 Derby—as did Jimmy Winkfield, up on Alan-A-Dale in the 1911 race. Other famous Negro jockeys of yesterday included Billy Walker, Babe Hurd, Lonnie Clayton and Willie Simms.

BOWLING HAS its infamous "male whites only" clause, which has blocked Negro keggers from the big American Bowling Congress tournaments. But the trade union movement is up in arms against the ABC reactionaries, and a well planned campaign could soon bring the Jimcrow walls tumbling down in this great mass sport.

WRESTLING HAS produced its share of Negro college champs. Eugene Davidson was the 125-pound titlist at Harvard in 1917; Russell Minton wrestled for Penn State; Bennet C. Turner copped the New England intercollegiate title in 1926; Walter Gordon, of the University of California, was the Pacific Coast Conference heavy wrestling champ during the years of the first World War.

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY is still strictly Jimcrow. The closest a Negro puckster ever came to cracking the ban was in 1937 when Charley Booker was allowed to practice for a while with the Boston Bruins. But nothing came of it.



Can Fusari Tag Tippy?

Tippy Larkin, the handsome gent above, is favored by the boxing cognoscenti to stop the onward march of young Charley Fusari at the Garden tonight. Both battlers have rolled up quite a skein of wins—Tippy hasn't lost one in his last 28 outings, while Fusari commands a 47-straight streak dotted with an awesome number of kayoes, 33 to be precise.

The 'Daily' Roundup

Whatta Man--Schein; Shelton Looks South

Irv Mondschein is rapidly becoming the most talked of athlete around. The towering, bespectacled NYU'er, America's No. 1 contender for the world's decathlon Olymp-

pics title in '48, covered himself with new laurels at the Met Intercollegiate meet the other afternoon. Mondschein was personally responsible for 13 of NYU's total 77 points which copped the meet—and while so doing, Irv came through with the year's best high jump, a leap of 6 feet, 7 1/2 inches.

Aside from his first in the high jump, Mondschein was second in the broad jump, third in the pole vault and fifth in the shot put.

Oh yes. If you recall the recently concluded football season, brother Mondschein played quite a bit of end for the Violets. In fact, he's rated by many as a cinch for All-America grid honors next season. What a man!

EV SHELTON, Wyoming's hoop coach of recent ill-fame, is trying awfully hard to have the school

Ray Robinson faces one of the stiffest battles of his brilliant ring career today, when he tangles with the New York State Athletic Commission. Two weeks ago, when the Graziano affair was being splashed all over the newspapers, Robinson

volunteered the information that he, too, had been the victim of several bribe attempts. The great Negro welter champ told the New York Post that gamblers tried to fix him when he fought out of New York prior to winning the title; and one such character tried to interest Ray in not making the weight for a scheduled title tilt with Marty Servo—which was later cancelled when Servo retired.

On all occasions, Robinson sent the gamblers on their way. But it seems to be the current fad to punish athletes for not living up to the comparatively unknown Rule 64 of the State Athletic Commission code, which requires fighters to no-

tify the Commission of all bribe offers. Before the Graziano to-do, any violators of Rule 64 were quietly fired or suspended for a month. But now that another of the vastly publicized gambling "cleanups" is underway, it's the current rage to make the athletes who've been approached but never fixed, look guiltier than the gamblers who approach them.

Boxing fans, resentful of the life suspension dealt Rocky Graziano last week, are looking with keen interest upon today's hearing with Robinson. They want to see whether Ray will become Goat No. 2.

Encouraged Knicks Meet Rebels Tom'w

The New York Knickerbockers, fresh from their encouraging upset over the league-leading Capitols, go against the Cleveland Rebels tomorrow at the 69th Armory.

Cleveland has two players to go along with its new coach, Roy Clifford. Added to the roster were Hank Lefkowitz, formerly of Western Reserve, and Leon Brown, ex of the U. of Wyoming.

68, with Dick Holub hitting for 19 and Bob Smith for 20. . . . Brooklyn College took Kings Point into camp. . . . Seton Hall trampled Newark, and Columbia did same to Penn. . . . Yale knocked over Princeton.

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Shark Fishing, No Less!



Here's the writer and Mister Shark. The big fella stands over 7 feet high in his stocking feet and tips the beam at 200 pounds.

By Ben Pinsley

During the months of July, August, and part of September, Sharks, from three to seven feet long and perhaps longer, often feed close to the Long Island and Jersey shores. So near do they come that sometimes you can see a six or seven footer twenty feet from the beach. Of course, all this happens whenever one "goes" for sharks and is on the lookout at all times. The thrill of thrills is in store for the surf fisherman who, with a little more patience and trouble, will try for these game fish.

The tackle—a double-built rod, a three hundred yard reel, or larger, full of eighteen special or fifteen regular line—will do the trick. Of great importance is the size of the leader to be used. A six to eight foot leader of piano or aeroplane wire must be used in order to land your shark. This wire leader will keep your line away from him. If this is not done, a lash from the shark's tail will cut your line as easy as he winks an eye. Not only is the tail dangerous, as to the cutting of your line, but the entire body of Mr. Shark is covered with a skin, nearest described as a heavy emery cloth.

A 10/0 hook has been used with success with four or six ounce sinkers.

After you have taken plenty of bait with you—your choice of mackerel, codfish, mullet, bunker, or any other oily fish—you are all set to try for these big gray-backs. If no one can tell you where to catch shark, try a cove in any inlet or a good "hole" in the surf. Casting for a short time will be difficult—the long wire leader, large bait, and your sinker will supply plenty of exercise. A sixty to a hundred foot cast is sufficient.

The first real trouble will be crabs, they will eat your bait off the hook almost as fast as you bait up. But, if they stop feeding WATCH OUT—your chance for the thrill of the surf is about to happen.

Your bait is slowly lifted, you feel like striking, but you don't—at least not for a moment or so. Suddenly you do strike! Mr. Shark jumps madly and away he goes. You get one look at him as he does, and then you know he's going—every bone in your body knows he's going. The star drag has been set as tightly as possible—two thumbs pressed on the spool of the reel—and through all this, Mr. Shark runs four hundred to six hundred feet on his first

getaway. Your thumbs are burning and you're glad when he stops.

Bringing the rod back with all your strength to gain line, Mr. Shark "gives" a little and you begin to "horse" him in. Soon he turns about, and away he goes again. Your burning thumbs are in action and you're glad that Mr. Shark doesn't go so far on this run. Pulling back again with arms aching by this time, you again "horse" him in. The line holds! Although at the other end, a hundred and fifty to two hundred pounds of shark pulls on a line tested to hold no more than thirty or forty pounds.

Mr. Shark is slowing up now, and you are glad once more because you too have been slowing up plenty. If you "play" him well, you will bring him in after about a half dozen runs. You see the breakers. He's tired, and has learned to hate the hook that is pulling his jaws so.

You wait your chance and with the next roller, pull him closer. The next breaker, still closer, and the next—CRACK!! For some reason (?), your line breaks, you call for the gaff, you're aching, tired, swearing to beat blazes, as you run in the surf, sinking the gaff in his gills—you're glad for the real fun that you had in "The Thrill Of The Surf."

BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS

By Samuel Sillen

Having climbed to unaccustomed heights with Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, the theatre has slid back to normal again with Norman Krasna's *John Loves Mary* and John Patrick's *The Story of Mary Surratt*. The first is a slick comedy by the author of *Dear Ruth*; the second is an historical melodrama by the author of *The Hasty Heart*. Both will reach their intended destination; Hollywood.

John Loves Mary is as simple-hearted and as mentally uninvolved as its title. It says nothing with a satisfying proficiency which insures it as a hit.

Mr. Krasna toys expertly with a tiny situation. It's about a GI who returns to marry the daughter of a U. S. Senator. But John can't marry until he gets a divorce from a London lassie whom he had brought over to the States in order to help out the buddy who had saved his life. A temporary



Broadway Theater Slides Back to Its Banal Normal

arrangement, but it makes for trouble.

The performance is smooth, with William Prince as John and Nina Foch as Mary. Some of the cracks at the Army chain of command seem well enough taken, but this farce never seriously deviates into satire. There will be little for Hollywood to tamper with.

The Story of Mary Surratt is more ambitious and far more objectionable.

A program note tells us that the playwright has done a lot of research on the case of Mrs. Surratt, who owned the boarding house in which the conspiracy to assassinate Lincoln was hatched. Determined to show Mrs. Surratt as an innocent victim, which I do not undertake to challenge, the author has shown a curious insensitivity to the meaning of both the Civil War and the murder of

President Lincoln.

He has exclusively emphasized the cold-hearted injustice of the military commission that tried Mrs. Surratt. The Northern generals are portrayed unbelievably and undramatically as a gang of bloodthirsty and somewhat morose savages out to murder a sweet and innocent widow.

On the other hand, the murderer of Lincoln, John Wilkes Booth, is portrayed simply as a glamorous, egotistical fanatic. The fact that the assassination conspiracy was fanned by Confederate die-hards, by forces of which Booth was only an instrument, is heavily ignored.

Thus, there is no genuine clash on the stage. There is no suggestion of the deep grief and indignation that stirred the nation following Lincoln's murder. Mary Surratt becomes more important than a devastating war and the greatest crime committed in America—the assassination at the Ford Theatre.

The sentimentalized portrait, heightened by a gallant Senator Johnson and the consoling Father Wiget, is not an appeal for his-

torical justice but for flowing eyes.

Whatever movement the play boasts is obvious and mechanical. In one of the scenes witness after witness takes the stand to dilute still further the play's emotional content, and the death-cell scene is drawn from the files. There are too many errors of taste to record here.

Dorothy Gish plays Mary Surratt, and Kent Smith the Senator. The play is directed by the author. It is not a memorable production.

Art Exhibit

The National Serigraph Society announces an exhibition of Serigraphs by Dora Kaminsky at Serigraph Galleries, 38 W. 57th St., NYC, today through Feb. 20.

Miss Kaminsky is a well known designer in the textile field, works in oil and gouache, and has experimented with many new techniques, notably "tapestry," a resist method employing wax and dye.

One-Act Plays For Progressive Groups

In celebration of Negro History Week, Stage For Action will present numerous showings of the one-act play, *All Aboard* by Ben Bengal, author of the prize-winning *Plant in the Sun* and the movie *Crack Up*. The play will be performed before trade unions, parent-teachers associations, public schools and adult educational councils. Based on a true incident, *All Aboard* is a dramatization of a Negro veteran and Jim Crow.

All Aboard will also highlight the program on Stage for Action's showcase series of one-act plays and musical sketches to be shown at the Theatre des Artistes, 1 W. 67 St. on Feb. 15, 16, 22 and 23. In addition to *All Aboard*, the plays to be performed are Arthur Miller's *You're Next*, a dramatic treatment of civil liberties, and *Open Secret* by Robert Adler and George Bellak.

These plays, along with sketches and reviews are available for bookings during Negro History Week and thereafter. Trade unions, community organizations and church groups interested in arranging benefits for their membership should write or phone Stage For Action, 130 W. 42 St.

ART TODAY

Art World Comes to Life Again After Weeks of Torpor

by Marion Summers

The art world has come to life again after some weeks of torpor. There are several fine large exhibitions currently on view: the English painting show at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a collection of Italian Renaissance painting at Wildenstein's, the La Toussie competition of Americans at the Riverside Museum, the Gaston Lachaise sculptures at Knoedler's, and an interesting show of French contemporary painting at the Whitney Museum. And on 57 St. a new flood of one-man shows, led by the two Picasso exhibitions—one at Kootz's and a new one at Rosenberg's—have come along to enliven things.

The Mexican artist Rufino Tamayo is exhibiting recent paintings at the Valentine Gallery. Once one of the most promising of the younger Mexican social artists, Tamayo has settled in America and has moved further and further from the native sources which made his art so strong. He has turned from reality and moved deeper into the realm of abstraction tinged with surrealism. The rich, somber colors of his earlier style have given way to cold and subtly bitter harmonies. Tamayo composes extremely well and paints with great skill, but all the warmth and humanity have gone out of his art. The majestic peasant women of his earlier work have become contorted shadows performing surrealist rites.

Andre Masson, now having a retrospective of paintings at the Buchholz Gallery and an exhibition of drawings at the Willard Gallery, is one of the second-rate French masters who has, however, developed a style of his own. His earliest work is a weak and pallid version of cubism. His later dependence upon Miro had a profound effect upon his development and his surrealism. Masson seems concerned almost entirely with disintegration of form, the breakdown of solid matter into fragments. These fragments are then expressed in a cursory and linear style which is calligraphic, that is, like writing.

His canvases are covered with a kind of free and automatic script. He is most successful in his drawings where the calligraphic quality of his line has the fullest ex-

pression or in those paintings where he retains the gay color of Miro. In most of his work he has a tendency to become overcomplex and confused, aimless and futile.

Milton Avery is one of the few American artists working in the French tradition who has developed a style of his own. There is no doubt of his reliance upon Matisse, but his art is still distinctly Avery. An exhibition of paintings of his daughter now at Durand-Ruel is representative of his style. Avery paints the things he sees around him. A landscape, a still-life, or his daughter reading a book. What he sees becomes a pattern, the organization of a flat surface in terms of colors and shapes. He is not concerned with either matter or meaning and he reduces the world to the simplest outlines. The crux of his art is color. Through an extremely sensitive and subtle treatment of the relationship of colors he manages to invest his pictures with a sense of space and atmosphere as well as mood. Avery's paintings appear deceptively simple, but they are sophisticated and at times even precious. Within his limited and rather monotonous range he is a sincere and sensitive painter.

The watercolors of Herb Kruckman at the Roko Gallery reveal an artist of deep feeling. There is a good deal of bitter sadness in these small sketches which seems to grow out of a compassion for people. The drawing is at times fragile and at others quite powerful. His color, however, very often does not come up to the level of his drawing. Especially in the somber passages does it become rather heavy and dead.

Clifford Odets, the famous playwright, has taken to painting. He is no better and no worse than the run of the mill amateur. The fact that he is Clifford Odets makes the show a publicity item, but on its own merits it is not important. No doubt Odets gets a great kick out of his new hobby, and the pictures like most things of this kind have charm. They are not, however, the paintings of a completely untutored person, and have therefore more than their share of sophistication. Personally, I prefer the paintings of children.

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Dewey Put on Spot At Budget Hearing

By Max Gordon

ALBANY, Feb. 13.—A thousand parents, state workers and spokesmen for some 300 organizations descended upon the Capitol today for the budget clash between big business and the public. The early part of the hearing, which promised to last far into the

night, was featured by the appearance of Mayor O'Dwyer and City Comptroller Lazarus Joseph. They came to lay their case for more state aid to the cities before the joint session of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

As usual, the legislative powers that organize the hearings had the real estate, "taxpayer" and chamber of commerce groups on top of the list. Immediately following the two city officials Anne Boldt, a spokesman for a child care center delegation, broke in and insisted the mothers be heard. They were.

Spokesmen for labor and other progressive organizations were way down on the list. At the very bottom was S. W. Gerson, Communist Party legislative representative, who in his prepared statement charged the budget was "shot through with a banker and realtor philosophy."

Here is the way the major financial issues shaped up at the hearing:

CITY FINANCES

Mayor O'Dwyer and Comptroller Lazarus presented figures to show the city was in serious straits as a result of inflation. Both officials said the wages paid to city employees when they took over were shocking, and they had to make immediate adjustments.

"There were men on the city payroll who were getting less than families on relief," the Mayor said, "and there is still a little of that left."

The Mayor urged that all unnecessary state construction be postponed because of inflationary costs, and some of the funds be used to relieve the hard-pressed localities. He said it would cost the city 145 percent more to build a school today than in 1939.

Specifically, he asked for an increase in per capita state aid to cities from the present \$6.76 to \$10, for a return of the utility and cigarette taxes which the city turned over to the state when the state treasury was in bad shape, more state aid to education, and assumption by the state of the expenses of the courts and city colleges.

The Mayor's request was backed by several spokesmen for progressive groups, including Gerson, Leo Isacson for the ALP, and others.

Spokesmen for the New York Board of Trade, the Citizens Budget

Commission and the Allied Taxpayers Defense demanded the Mayor's program be rejected, that the city be forced to increase the fare to 10 cents and cut its expenses.

A high administration source told reporters it would be foolish to speculate on the possibility that the Governor would reconsider his opposition to any further aid to the city.

"The door is still closed," he said.

STATE FINANCES

The issue here was whether the tax load should be borne by those best able to pay, or whether there should be a shift to the low-income groups, as the Governor's budget provides.

The State CIO, Gerson and Isacson all noted that the rich will save from \$160,000,000 to \$200,000,000 as a result of reductions in state income and business taxes.

At the same time, the state excise taxes, hitting chiefly the low-income groups, will rise \$45,000,000 in the new budget, and the low-income groups will be hit further by taxes the local governments will be forced to levy.

The various business and "taxpayer" organizations demanded cuts in salaries, in education and in other state functions, and further reductions in the budget.

Several also called for introduction of the so-called merit-rating system, to cut employer unemployment insurance taxes drastically.

Gerson contrasted the Governor's \$689,000,000 highway program with the \$65,000,000 total appropriation for housing, all of an emergency character. He termed the proposed \$202,000,000 Thruway a "pork barrel parkway" and said the Governor's slogan was apparently "millions for thru-ways; not a nickel for subways."

EDUCATION, WAGES:

Half the organizations represented spoke for higher teacher salaries, and more state aid. They included local boards of education, teacher associations, parent associations, newspaper editors and businessmen, as well as trade unions and other teacher bodies.

They presented figures to show:

- That the state share of education costs has been steadily decreasing.
- That the proportion of state

income going into education has been going down.

• That New York is far behind other states in per capita payment by the state for education.

The Rev. Ellsworth Reamon, a Universalist minister speaking for the Syracuse Teachers Association, told the committee he was reliably informed the Soviet Union spent 20 percent of its budget for education while we use two percent.

"And yet," he said, "we look for a Communist under every bed."

Specific demands for teachers varied, but most wanted \$100,000,000 more in state aid, as embodied in the Condon-Olliffe bill, a \$2,400 to a \$2,700 minimum, and permanent salary increase of \$450.

Saul Mills, executive secretary of the city CIO, told the committee it could not solve the teacher problem by repressive legislation, such as the Condon-Waldin bill to punish public workers who strike. Mills also called for a housing program for veterans.

The CIO Public Workers, backed by the State CIO, the American Labor Party, and the Communist Party, insisted the Governor's reckless and inhuman wage program would have a "catastrophic effect" on the services rendered the 14,000,000 state citizens. It asked for \$2.50 a day increase.

Seven hundred members of the union from five major cities were at the hearing. The New York contingent marched up from the railroad station with banners and loud speakers.

CHILD CARE CENTERS:

Among several child care center spokesmen who testified was Madeline Moultrie of the War Widows of East Harlem. She has two children in a pre-school center and one in an after-school center.

"I can work, I want to work," she said. She insisted it was up to the Legislature to give her the opportunity.

The child care spokesmen protested they could not find out whether the program was to continue or not. They called for a specific appropriation in the budget for continuation and expansion of the program.

George Gregory, legislative chairman for 75 child care centers, said there were 4,000 children on the waiting list of New York City centers.



by BARNARD RUBIN

THE State Department attempt to frame Gerhart Eisler was, of course, not mentioned in its press account yesterday. The Department admitted it had given the anti-Nazi an exit permit to leave this country but had then cancelled it (last Oct. 15), one day before Eisler was scheduled to sail.

What happened was this: When the Budenz lies first broke in the press, Eisler smelled a rat (pun intended). He called the Department and asked whether his permit was still good and only then discovered it was cancelled.

This was a day before Eisler was to sail. The plan was to let him board the ship without notifying him that his permit was cancelled. Then with a great to-do FBI men would swoop down on Eisler at the last minute and arrest him for trying to leave the country illegally.

It was only Eisler's alertness which prevented that particular frame-up. . . .



TOWN TALK

Deep Are the Roots will be shown in London in the near future. Basil Sydney will do the directing. . . .

New Yorker editor Harold Ross is telling people that if Henry Luce (Time, Fortune, Clare) has been buying up stock in his magazine, Luce, nevertheless, will have not voice in it. . . .

The appointment of a certain liberal radio executive who was slated for a directorship of city station WNYC was nixed at the last minute by Mayor O'Dwyer. The Mayor succumbed to pressure from the Coughlinite Brooklyn Tablet and Father Scanlon. The latter put the heat on because of the executive's anti-Franco opinions. . . .

Eversharp is dropping its Masie radio show with Ann Sothern after March 28. Sponsor wanted, but couldn't get, a better spot for the show. . . .

Paul Muni is scanning scripts for a return to Broadway. . . .

The Shuberts will take to the air soon to plub their shows. One minute spots, transcriptions, etc. . . .

Jitterbug is the name of a new insecticide on the market. . . .

The Screen Office and Professional Employees Guild is casting and rehearsing for four one-act plays to appear at the Barbizon Plaza Theatre the first week in May. . . .

Police desks here are getting increasing complaints from parents whose kids are being forced to pay young hoodlums off for protection in city playgrounds. . . .

Canada Lee will appear in a film based on the novel The Fear Makers to be produced by Independence Production, a new outfit. . . .

Norman Rosten is completing a play. . . .

Scenic workers and carpenters, who usually make the movie sets, are complaining about recent productions being shot on city streets, etc. . . .

The Leo Hurwitzes (he filmed Native Land, and she's dancer Jane Dudley) had a baby son last week. He (not the baby) is filming Howard Fast's "Freedom Road. . . ."

The radio networks worried about the tendency of big money sponsors to drop big name expensive productions and substituting spot announcements. General Foods, for example, with the Kate Smith afternoon show. . . .

City Hall officials talking about the terrific effect of Communist Councilman Pete Cacchione's testimony at the five-cent fare hearings. Especially his brilliant explanation of how the Moore Plan should be revised to give the city its due share of state taxes. . . .

NEWSPAPER TALK

Marshall Field has given up his Project X, a popular liberal national weekly, which was to have sold for five or ten cents. News will break the hearts of many newspapermen and writers who were slated to write for it. . . .

The New Yorker wants to send A. J. Liebling to Russia as its correspondent. . . .

Albert E. Kahn ("The Great Conspiracy") is joining the staff of "Jewish Life," progressive monthly on Jewish affairs. Predict a lot of talk about his article in the March issue (out Feb. 15) on John Roy Carlson, titled *Erzatz Crusader*. . . .

The New York Post has just fired eight employees, including one of their editorial writers. It so happens the paper is in the midst of contract negotiations with the New York Newspaper Guild. . . .

Here's one you may like. Grace Downs, model school director, tells it:

It seems that an irate husband remarked to his wife: "Why is it that you are utterly incapable of writing a letter without a postscript tacked on to it?"

"As usual," answered his spouse loftily, "you are talking nonsense. I'll write you a letter without a postscript just to cut you down to size."

The next morning her note arrived. Just below her signature he discovered: "P.S.—Now are you convinced?" . . .

See you Monday.

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14 SIT DOWN IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE TO FIGHT DRASTIC PAY DEDUCTION

By Walter Lowenfels

LANSFORD, Pa., Feb. 13.—A pay deduction affecting over 6,000 anthracite miners in this area provoked a sit-down strike of 14 men last night. The rest of the 6,000 are expected to strike tomorrow.

The 14 sit-down strikers, minus one who became sick, spent the night 800 feet underground at the fifth level of the Lansford colliery of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co. Fellow miners supplied them with food and blankets and continued sending down supplies today.

One sit-downer, Fred Redash, had just been married. His bride came to visit him but was not allowed down the shaft.

The sit-downers were reported in good spirits and ready to stick it out until the

Panther Valley general mine board, which meets tonight, calls out the other 6,000 Panther Valley miners. Eight hundred fellow miners of the Lansford local already refused to work today.

The pay cuts hit the men yesterday. They were docked from \$15 to \$20 each, to as much as \$60 for the two-week period.

We spoke with John Priestly, mine committeeman just after he came up from a trip with supplies to the sit-downers. One man down there gets \$28 pay for his two weeks' work. He has 16 children. Some others get only \$35 to \$40 for two weeks' pay.

Gray Miller of the nearby Nesquehoning mine told us that his pay had been cut some \$20 last week and that all the mines in the Panther Valley area had been hit.

Canada

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stantial extension of its power and dominion in the northern half of the Western Hemisphere."

These views are not the private opinion of correspondent John MacCormac, author also of a book on Canada, *America's Problem*. As he demonstrates, they are the essence of American imperialist policy—which he firmly supports and defends. They are the policy behind the official cover of "moral" pretense.

That policy has no room for

squeamishness about Canadian "sovereignty." Woodrow Wilson's future Secretary of State Lansing, then counselor for the State Department, said bluntly in 1914:

"The Monroe Doctrine is founded upon the superior power of the United States to compel submission to its will. . . . In its advocacy of the Monroe Doctrine, the United States considers its own interests. The integrity of other American nations is an incident, not an end."

A further reduction of Canadian independence—partially preserved in the past by balancing between Britain and the United States—is an "incident" of the new pact.